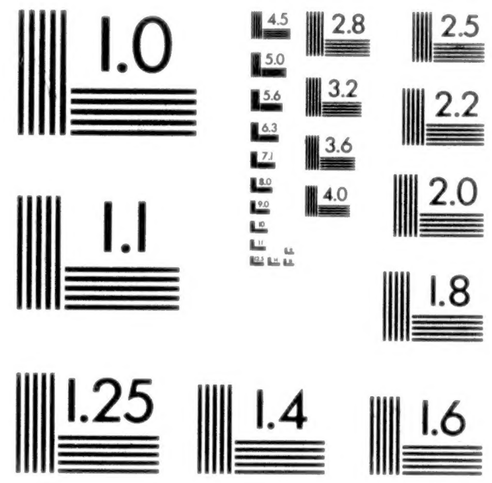
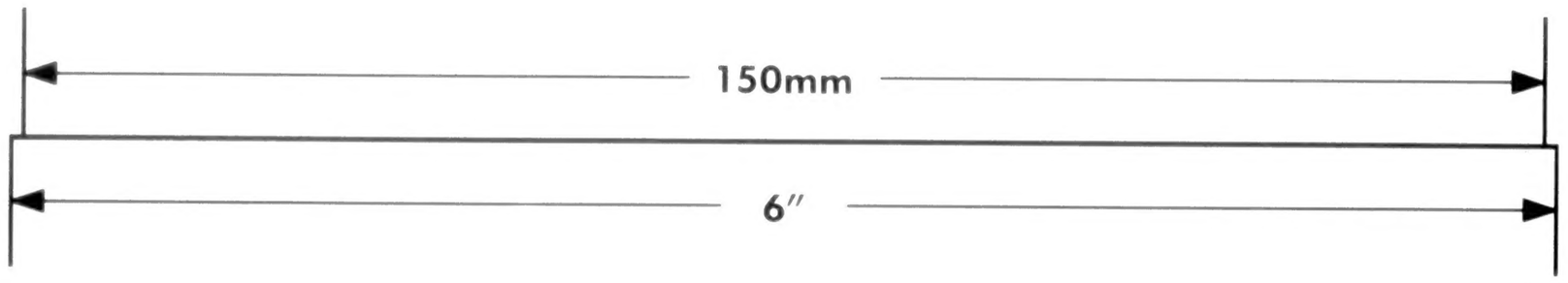


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INTRODUCTION

On the 34 rolls of this microfilm publication, M1900, are reproduced the previously unfilmed records of the Alabama office of the Assistant Commissioner, his staff offices, and subordinate field offices of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1872. These records consist of bound volumes and unbound records, containing materials that include letters and endorsements sent and received, monthly reports, applications of freedmen for rations, and other records relating to freedmen's claims and homesteads. These records are part of the Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, Record Group (RG) 105, at the National Archives Building in Washington, DC.

This film series completes the reproduction of all Bureau records created in Alabama between 1865 and 1872. Many of these records were reproduced in 1972 in National Archives Microfilm Publications M809, *Records of the Assistant Commissioner for the State of Alabama, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1870,* and M810, *Records of the Superintendent of Education for the State of Alabama, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1870.*

HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION

The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, also known as the Freedmen's Bureau, was established in the War Department by an act of Congress on March 3, 1865 (13 Stat. 507). The life of the Bureau was extended twice by acts of July 16, 1866 (14 Stat. 173), and July 6, 1868 (15 Stat. 83). The Bureau was responsible for the supervision and management of all matters relating to refugees and freedmen, and of lands abandoned or seized during the Civil War. In May 1865, President Andrew Johnson appointed Maj. Gen. Oliver Otis Howard as Commissioner of the Bureau, and Howard served in that position until June 30, 1872, when activities of the Bureau were terminated in accordance with an act of June 10, 1872 (17 Stat. 366). While a major part of the Bureau's early activities involved the supervision of abandoned and confiscated property, its mission was to provide relief and help freedmen become self-sufficient. Bureau officials issued rations and clothing, operated hospitals and refugee camps, and supervised labor contracts. In addition, the Bureau managed apprenticeship disputes and complaints, assisted benevolent societies in the establishment of schools, helped freedmen in legalizing marriages entered into during slavery, and provided transportation to refugees and freedmen who were attempting to reunite with their family or relocate to other parts of the country. The Bureau also helped black soldiers, sailors, and their heirs collect bounty claims, pensions, and back pay.

The act of March 3,1865, authorized the appointment of Assistant Commissioners to aid the Commissioner in supervising the work of the Bureau in the former Confederate states, the border states, and the District of Columbia. In Alabama, operations began in July 1865 when Brig. Gen. Wager Swayne took command as Assistant Commissioner. Bvt. Brig. Julius Hayden succeeded Swayne and served

from January to March 1868. Col. Oliver L. Shepherd served from March to August 1868, and Col. T. H. Ruger held the position of Assistant Commissioner for only a few days in August before the arrival of Bvt. Lt. Col. Edwin Beecher later in that month. In January 1869, in accordance with an act of July 25, 1868 (15 Stat. 193), Bureau operations in Alabama were terminated except for the educational functions and the collection of claims. Colonel Beecher remained in Alabama as superintendent of education and held that position until the office was closed in July 1870. The majority of Bureau officers and agents in Alabama were active duty military officers, and for the first 2 years of the Bureau's existence in Alabama the agency doubled as the military command for the district. Brig. Gen. Swayne, for example, served as Assistant Commissioner and District Military Commander for Alabama from 1866 to 1868. As a consequence of the wide use of military officers to staff the Bureau, the agency constantly struggled with issues of continuity as well as a lack of personnel to staff the various field offices. At one point at the end of 1866, the Bureau could only staff eight stations in Alabama due to a critical shortage of qualified personnel.

While the work performed by Assistant Commissioners in each state was similar, the organizational structure of staff officers varied from state to state. At various times, the staff could consist of a superintendent of education, an assistant adjutant general, an assistant inspector general, a disbursing officer, a chief medical officer, a chief quartermaster, and a commissary of subsistence. Subordinate to these officers were the assistant superintendents, or subassistant commissioners as they later became known, who commanded the subdistricts. The major subordinate field offices for the Bureau at Alabama included headquarters at Demopolis, Eufaula, Garland, Greenville, Huntsville, Mobile, Montgomery, Opelika, Selma, Talladega, Tuscaloosa, and Tuskegee. Under the direct supervision of the subassistant commissioners were the civilian and military agents. Occasionally, the Bureau retained military officers in a civilian capacity after the termination of their military service. For a list of known Alabama subordinate field office personnel and their dates of service, see the Appendix.

The Assistant Commissioner corresponded extensively with both his superior in the Washington Bureau headquarters and his subordinate officers in the subdistricts. Based upon reports submitted to him by the subassistant commissioners and other subordinate staff officers, he prepared reports that he sent to the Commissioner concerning Bureau activities in areas under his jurisdiction. The Assistant Commissioner also received letters from freedmen, local white citizens, state officials, and other non-Bureau personnel. These letters varied in nature from complaints to applications for jobs in the Bureau. Because the assistant adjutant general handled much of the mail for the Assistant Commissioner's office, it was often addressed to him instead of to the Assistant Commissioner.

In a circular issued by Commissioner Howard in July 1865, the Assistant Commissioners were instructed to designate one officer in each state to serve as "general Superintendents of Schools." These officials were to "take cognizance of all that is being done to educate refugees and freedmen, secure proper protection to schools and teachers, promote method and efficiency, correspond with the benevolent

agencies which are supplying his field, and aid the Assistant Commissioner in making his required reports." In October 1865, a degree of centralized control was established over Bureau educational activities in the states when Rev. John W. Alvord was appointed Inspector of Finances and Schools. In January 1867, Alvord was divested of his financial responsibilities, and he was appointed General Superintendent of Education.

An act of Congress, approved July 25, 1868 (15 Stat. 193), ordered that the Commissioner of the Bureau "shall, on the first day of January next, cause the said bureau to be withdrawn from the several States within which said bureau has acted and its operation shall be discontinued." Consequently, in early 1869, with the exception of the superintendents of education and the claims agents, the Assistant Commissioners and their subordinate officers were withdrawn from the states.

For the next year and a half the Bureau continued to pursue its education work and to process claims. In the summer of 1870, the superintendents of education were withdrawn from the states, and the headquarters staff was greatly reduced. From that time until the Bureau was abolished by an act of Congress approved June 10, 1872 (17 Stat. 366), effective June 30, 1872, the Bureau's functions related almost exclusively to the disposition of claims. The Bureau's records and remaining functions were then transferred to the Freedmen's Branch in the office of the Adjutant General. The records of this branch are among the Bureau's files.

Constrained by limited resources, Southern opposition, and the politics of Reconstruction, the Bureau faced an enormous challenge in its efforts to assist the freedmen and refugees. Its relief efforts, without question, saved thousands of southerners from starvation. Its attempts to assist freedmen to become self-sufficient, to provide public education, administer justice, and, to a lesser degree, to provide land, all worked with varying degrees of success to lessen the difficulties during the transition from slavery to freedom. One of the Bureau's greatest legacies is the body of records it created and received during the course of its operations. These records are arguably some of the most important documents available for the study of the Federal Government's policies, efforts to reconstruct the South, and Southern social history and genealogy.

THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU IN ALABAMA

The Freedmen's Bureau major activities in Alabama generally resembled those conducted in other states. The Bureau issued rations to both freedmen and white refugees, supervised labor contracts between planters and freedmen, administered justice, worked with benevolent societies in the establishment of schools, and assisted freedmen in locating land.

Shortly after accepting the position of Assistant Commissioner in Alabama, Brig. Gen. Swayne requested permission from the Freedmen's Bureau headquarters in Washington, DC, to set aside 1,225 acres of land on the Broward Plantation near Montgomery for freedmen. The plantation had been abandoned shortly before the

end of the war and was confiscated by Federal authorities. Montgomery Home Colony, established on some of this land, became the largest of several "home colonies" set aside to provide services for the freedmen. Home colonies were also established at Talladega, Mobile, Garland, Butler County, Montgomery, Selma, Demopolis, and Huntsville. The colonies were not self-sufficient communities of freedmen like those found in South Carolina or Louisiana. Instead, the colonies were distribution centers where the Bureau disseminated rations, clothes, seeds, and tools; processed claims; provided medical care; and organized services for the infirm, orphans, and the elderly. The central functions of these colonies were organized around a freedmen's hospital. The freedmen's hospital at Montgomery offered services to all races. From November 1866 to August 1867, it treated 168 refugees (whites), 5 of whom died. During the same period the hospital treated 6,058 freedmen, of whom 162 died.

From 1865 to 1867, Alabama suffered repeated and massive crop failures due to drought or frost conditions. During the same period, the state was swept by a series of epidemics, with smallpox proving the most deadly disease affecting the freedmen. In addition to medical care, one of the most important duties for the Bureau in Alabama was the issuance of rations to refugees and freedmen to stave off malnutrition and starvation.

The Alabama Bureau also expended great resources and energy mitigating contract disputes between freedmen and white landowners as well as attempting to overturn draconian "black codes" enacted by the Alabama State Legislature and signed by the Governor. In his 1866 annual report to the Washington, DC, headquarters of the Bureau, Swayne complained that white landowners rampantly defrauded freedmen of benefits spelled out in their labor contracts.[1] However, Swayne complained most extensively in this report about a particular set of "black codes" passed by the Legislature late in 1865 as vagrancy laws. These codes were passed shortly before Christmas after widespread complaints by white landowners that freedmen refused to work during the Christmas week. Apparently, freedmen expected to continue the tradition of time off from work at Christmas dating back to the antebellum years. Brig. Gen. Swayne charged that these laws returned freedmen to a state of slavery. First, he pointed to the authorized use of chain gangs in which freedmen worked with no compensation for even the most minor offenses. Second, the newly established probate courts often worked against freedmen. They were responsible for settling contract disputes between freedmen and white landowners. However, one component of the law passed by the Legislature stipulated that freedmen were not allowed to testify against whites or serve on juries. In cases where the courts found in favor of the white landowners, the presiding judge had the option of forcing freedmen into uncompensated labor for the white landowners or impressing freed-

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[1] Annual Report of the Assistant Commissioner, Montgomery, AL, October 31, 1866, *Records of the Assistant Commissioner for the State of Alabama, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1870* (National Archives Microfilm Publication M809, roll 2), Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, Record Group (RG) 105, National Archives Building, Washington, DC.

men's children as free laborers for the litigant. The black codes also authorized county officials to impress orphaned children as laborers on local plantations. Swayne was able to convince the Alabama Legislature to eventually overturn most of these codes. In districts where he could not force the probate courts to fairly enforce the law, he set up special freedmen's courts to hear complaints.

However, Swayne was unable to convince the Legislature to overturn provisions of the vagrancy laws that allowed widespread arrests of freedmen. The code authorized local and state law enforcement officials to summarily arrest those freedmen without contract papers who were allegedly causing "disturbances" in public places and roads. The normal punishment under this penal code was forced labor on nearby plantations. Finally, in March 1867, the Bureau saw this law overturned through the Military Reconstruction Bill for the District of Alabama (14 Stat. 429).

The Freedmen's Bureau in Alabama had a major impact in providing education for freedmen from 1866 to 1869. Due to its limited budget and resources, the Bureau was unable to directly establish and operate the great number of freedmen schools needed. However, the successive Assistant Commissioners proved very adept at finding other means for establishing these schools. They successfully implemented a three-way partnership program in which a wide variety of Northern relief societies flooded the state with resources to build schools, money for books and teachers, or volunteer members who instructed the freedmen for no fee. The freedmen were often responsible for actual maintenance of facilities as well as contributions of money and resources for upkeep of the local schools. Bureau agents oversaw the education program and provided land and protection for the schools. The results of this program were impressive. At the beginning of the school year in October 1866, there were 3,100 freedmen in classes taught by 68 teachers. By June 1867, these figures had grown to just under 10,000 students instructed by 150 teachers.

RECORDS DESCRIPTION

The volumes reproduced in this microfilm publication were originally arranged by type of record and thereunder by volume number. No numbers were assigned to series consisting of single volumes. Years later, all volumes were arbitrarily assigned numbers by the Adjutant General's Office (AGO) of the War Department after the records came into its custody. In this microfilm publication, AGO numbers are shown in parentheses to aid in identifying the volumes. The National Archives assigned the volume numbers that are not in parentheses. In some volumes, particularly in indexes and alphabetical headings of registers, there are a number of blank numbered pages that have not been filmed.

The volumes consist of letters and endorsements sent and received, press copies of letters sent, registers of letters received, fair copies of letters received, letters and orders received, registers of freedmen issued rations, special orders and circulars issued, registers of bounty claimants, reports, registers of contracts, registers of complaints, registers of patients, registers of disbursements, account books, miscellaneous records, and monthly reports forwarded to the Assistant Commis-

sioner. The unbound documents consist of letters sent and received and endorsements sent, reports, applications for relief, labor contracts, rosters of officers and employees, court records, special and general orders and circulars received, and miscellaneous records. The unbound records also contain monthly reports; oaths of office; applications of freedmen for rations; and records relating to claims, court trials, property restoration, and homesteads.

From June 1866 to January 1868, Assistant Commissioner Swayne also served as the military commander of Alabama. He therefore created and received records in both capacities. The dual function of the Assistant Commissioner resulted in a succession of changes in the official headings used on correspondence and issuances. The title "Office of the Assistant Commissioner" was changed in June 1866 to "headquarters, District of Alabama," and in August 1866 to "Headquarters, Subdistrict of Alabama." The heading "District of Alabama" was used again from March 1867 until superseded by "State of Alabama" in February 1868.

The dual function of the office is also reflected in the recordkeeping practices for that period. Although the Assistant Commissioner generally maintained separate records for each of his capacities, in the case of letters and endorsements sent the records were frequently combined. Wherever they were separable, the records created by the Assistant Commissioner in his military capacity were placed with the Records of United States Army Continental Commands, 1821–1920, RG 393.

List of Book Records of Officers

The single-volume list of book records of officers in the State of Alabama (no date) is arranged by office, with records of the Assistant Commissioner first, and then alphabetically by locations of the subdistrict office. Included in the list of book records are the type of record in each book or volume, the dates of the volume, and the volume number. Throughout this introductory material and in the Table of Contents, the volume number appears in parentheses in the series descriptions of the records

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The single-volume name index (no date) is an additional index to Volumes 1 (4) and 2 (5) of letters sent (July 27, 1865–June 27, 1866) and Volumes 1 (16) and 2 (17) of special orders issued by the Assistant Commissioner for the State of Alabama. The letters sent and special orders issued have been previously reproduced on National Archives Microfilm Publication M809, *Records of the Assistant Commissioners for the State of Alabama Bureau of Refugees, Freemen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1870,* rolls 1 and 17, respectively.

The single-volume miscellaneous name index consists of three unidentified indexes that have no dates and are unnumbered.

Offices of Staff Officers
COMMISSARY OF SUBSISTENCE
The single volume of letters and endorsements sent and a register of subsistence stores received and issued, 1865–1868 (113)[2], is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The letters and endorsements sent, September 1865 to May 1867, are interfiled in the volume, and there is a name index. The register of subsistence stores received cover the period December 1866–May 1868.

The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements sent (37), dated February 1867–May 1868 and February–July 1867, is arranged and numbered in chronological order through August 1867 and thereafter chronologically without numbers. The volume contains an incomplete index.

The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements sent (50), dated February–July 1867, is arranged chronologically and has a name index. Most of the letters that appear in the volume are entered in volume (37). The volume also contains an account of stores purchased by the subdistricts for the period April–May 1867. The accounts are arranged by subdistrict and thereunder chronologically.

Unbound letters received, March–December 1867, consist of registered and unregistered letters and letters and reports received by M. H. Cruikshank, state commissioner for coordinating issuance of supplies to the destitute. The registered letters received, March–December 1867, are arranged according to their entry in volume (37). The unregistered letters, March–October 1867, are arranged chronologically. The Cruikshank letters and reports are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

Unbound weekly, trimonthly, and monthly reports and returns of rations issued, 1865–66, are arranged by year, thereunder alphabetically by county, and thereunder chronologically. This series provides, in some cases, a list of people who received rations; and in others, the number of rations issued and the number of people who received rations.

Unbound reports of subsistence stores issued and received, July 1867–August 1868, are arranged chronologically by year and thereunder alphabetically by subdistrict. These are reports from subassistant commissioners and agents from local areas.

Unbound list of heads of families who received relief (Certificates of Applicants), covering the years 1867–68 are arranged chronologically. These are printed forms that include the name of the head of the family; the number of men, women, and children in the family; and the amount of corn and bacon received.

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[2] In this microfilm publication , the volume numbers in parentheses are those assigned by the Adjutant General's Office (AGO) of the War Department after the records came into its custody. The volume numbers not in parentheses were assigned by the National Archives and Records Administration.

Unbound applications for relief, January 1866, May–July 1867, and May 1868, are arranged chronologically. This series consists of sworn statements of applicants indicating why they can't work and information concerning their dependents.

The single volume of accounts of stores issued to agents, November 1866–February 1868 (46), are arranged according to recipient and thereunder chronologically. The entries indicate who received the stores (corn and bacon), whether they were donated, and the amount received and transferred.

INSPECTOR GENERAL AND DISBURSING OFFICER

The single volume of letters received and endorsements sent, March–May 1868 (28), is arranged chronologically. The volume has a name index. The letters concern primarily court cases involving financial settlement, claims, and requests for aid.

QUARTERMASTER AND DISBURSING OFFICER

The single volume of letters received and sent, April–July 1866 (38), consists of two parts. The first part of the volume contains copies of letters received dated April 4 to July 23, 1866. The second part of the volume contains copies of letters sent dated May 10 to July 28, 1866.

The three volumes of press copies of letters sent, 1 (39), 2 (40), and 3 (41), September 1866–July 1870, are arranged chronologically. Each volume has a name index. Edwin Beecher, who was serving as Assistant Commissioner and superintendent of education, signed the letters from February 1869 to July 1870. All of the letters concern the accounting or disbursement of funds.

The single volume of endorsements sent, January–April 1867 (42), are arranged and numbered in chronological order. The volume contains a name index.

The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements sent, January 1867–January 1869 (36), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

Unbound letters received, January 1868–June 1869, are arranged by year, thereunder by initial letter of surname of correspondent, and thereunder chronologically. The letters from Bureau headquarters are filed after the alphabetical divisions. Although the letters appear to be entered in the volume of letters received and endorsements sent (36), neither the letters nor the entries in the volume are numbered.

Unbound monthly reports of persons and articles hired, September 1865–July 1869, are arranged chronologically. The reports are from Bureau officers and include retained copies of reports of persons and articles hired by the quartermaster.

The single volume of miscellaneous memorandums (45), January 1866–April 1867, is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The memorandums in the volume concern invoices, accounts, monies, postage, and persons employed and discharged.

The single-volume account book of stores purchased (48), September 1866–July 1870, is arranged chronologically according to date of purchase. Accounts show articles purchased, the amount spent, and for whom purchased.

The single-volume account book of stores issued in the counties, January 1867–May 1868 (47), is arranged alphabetically by county and thereunder chronologically. The volume contains a partial index, and the accounts show the number of white and black persons issued stores, and the amount of corn, flour, pork, and bacon issued.

The single-volume account book of stores transferred (49), October 1867, is arranged by type of account and thereunder chronologically. The first part of the volume contains an account of stores transferred by the chief quartermaster (May 1 to October 21, 1867); the second part contains accounts transferred to the chief quartermaster (April 23 to October 17, 1867). The volume includes such information as dates, cost, the articles transferred and received, the condition of the articles, and from whom the articles were received or transferred.

SURGEON

The three volumes of letters sent, September 1865–December 1868, 1 (31), 2 (32), and 3 (33), are arranged in chronological order. The indexes include a name and subject index for the first volume and name indexes for the remaining two. They also indicate the content of letters. The volumes also contain the annual reports of the Medical Department, 1866–68, and include reports to the Assistant Commissioner, January and February 1867.

The two volumes of endorsements sent, September 1865–December 1868, 1 (34) and 2 (35), are arranged chronologically and there is a name index for the first volume.

The two volumes of registers of letters received, October 1865–December 1868, 1 (29) and 2 (30), are arranged by time period. The first volume has an index. The entries in the volumes are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of correspondent and thereunder chronologically.

The unbound letters received, December 1865–August 1868, consist of three items that are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of invoices of medical supplies received (195), November–December 1865, is arranged according to type of supply.

Subordinate Field Offices

ASHVILLE

The unbound labor contracts, August 1865, are arranged chronologically. The contracts were approved and witnessed by the commander of U.S. Forces at Jacksonville, Alabama, not by a Bureau agent stationed at Ashville.

BLUFFTON (Opelika Subdistrict)
The records for the subordinate field office at Bluffton include three series: a single volume of letters sent, April–July 1868) (156); a volume of fair copies of letters received and endorsements sent, April–July 1868 (155); and letters received, May 1868. The letters received consist of a single letter reporting the killing of a black youth by a white youth. Both the volume of letters sent and fair copies of letters received and endorsements sent are arranged chronologically and have name indexes.

CAHABA
The single volume of contracts, register of contracts, and registers of transportation and rations issued, 1865–1866 (191), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The volume has a name index and a table of contents.

CLAIBORN
The unbound letters received by Lt. A. S. Bennett, the subassistant commissioner at Claiborn, May–July 1868, are arranged chronologically.

DEMOPOLIS
The three volumes of letters sent by the subassistant commissioners at Demopolis, January 1866–December 1868, 1 (138), 2 (139), and 3 (140), are arranged chronologically and have name indexes.

The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements sent (137), April 1867–November 1868, is arranged chronologically. It is primarily a register of letters endorsed or forwarded. The letters received are all unregistered letters. For fair copies of letters received at the post of Demopolis from December 1865 to January 1866, see the single-volume register of complaints (141) mentioned below.

Unbound letters received, August 1865–December 1868, are arranged chronologically and consist of unregistered letters.

The single-volume register of complaints, February 1866–August 1868 (141), is arranged chronologically and, as mentioned above, includes fair copies of letters received at Demopolis for the period December 1865–January 1866. For letters received from April 1867 to November 1868, see the single-volume register of letters received (137).

Unbound miscellaneous records, January 1866–November 1868, are arranged by subject and thereunder chronologically. The series includes an opinion of Clarke and Lyon in *Freedmen* v. *Ridgway,* leases for a plantation to be used as an asylum, a list of contributors to a black school, and a plan of Bureau buildings. Also included is a list of government buildings at Gainesville, and letters sent, orders issued, reports, and bills of lading.

The single volume of miscellaneous school records of C. L. Drake (a teacher), May 1866–October 1868 (194), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The volume contains a roll of students (May 1866–January 1868) that

includes their names, ages, tuition paid, and days attended. There is also a school property account for the period September 1866–October 1868 that shows the service or item paid for and the amount. In addition, there are records of post and citizen bakeries and accounts (January to August 1864) kept by Capt. C. L. Drake (20th Regiment, Iowa Infantry) while serving at a post in Brownsville, Texas. Drake later served as subassistant commissioner of Demopolis in June 1868.

The single-volume register of patients at the freedmen's hospital at Demopolis (142), June–November 1867, is arranged chronologically according to the date of admission.

ELYTON
The records for the subordinate field office at Elyton include a single volume of letters sent, May–August 1868 (153), a single-volume register of letters received and endorsements sent, May–July 1868 (152), and unbound letters received, May–July 1868. The volume of letters sent is arranged chronologically and includes a name index and monthly reports for June and July. The register of letters received and endorsements sent are arranged and numbered in chronological order and also has a name index. The letters received are arranged chronologically and are entered in the register of letters received.

EUFAULA
The single letter received by H. R. Burton, January 1868, the Bureau agent at Eufaula, concerns payment of a debt claim.

EUTAW
The records for the Bureau agent at Eutaw include an unbound series of letters received, April–June 1868, and unbound labor contracts that consist of two items dated 1866. Both series are arranged chronologically.

GARLAND
The single volume of letters sent by the surgeon, May–October 1868 (145), is arranged and numbered in chronological order and has a name index.

The single volume of letters received and sent and register of prescriptions, 1867–1868 (146), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

The two volumes of registers of letters received and endorsements sent (143) and (144) are arranged by time period, thereunder alphabetically by initial letter of surname of writer, and thereunder chronologically. The first volume (143) has a partial name index.

Unbound letters received, March–August 1867, is arranged chronologically.

The single-volume account book, October 1867–October 1868 (147), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically and consists of three sections. There is a list of commissary supplies received (October 1867–October 1868), accounts of the hospital with the Subsistence Department (October 1867–September 1868), and

monthly reports of hospital stores remaining, returned, or issued (October 1867–October 1868).

The two series relating to inmates treated at the freedmen's hospital at Garland include two volumes of registers of patients, May 1867–October 1868, 1 (148) and 2 (149), and two volumes of registers of prescriptions, May 1867–October 1868, 1 (150) and 2 (151). The two volumes of registers of patients are arranged by date of admission and several of the entries in the volumes are duplicated. The two volumes of registers of prescriptions are arranged chronologically.

Unbound monthly reports of destitute discharged soldiers, June–November 1867, are arranged chronologically.

Unbound list of expenses incurred for the treatment of freedmen, May 3, 1866, consists of two items.

GIRARD
Unbound letters received by J. B. Healy and a labor contract, 1867–1868, consists of three items. The letters are dated March 1, 1867, and April 1, 1868; the labor contract is dated February 2, 1867.

GREENVILLE
The four volumes of letters sent, September 1865–December 1868, 1 (123), 2 (124), 3 (125), and 4 (126), are arranged chronologically and have name indexes. The first volume contains a register of freedmen; the second volume contains endorsements sent (October 1866 to January 1867).

The two volumes of registers of letters received and endorsements sent, April 1867–November 1868, 1 (121) and 2 (122), are arranged by time period, thereunder alphabetically by initial letter of surname of writer, and thereunder chronologically. Both volumes have name indexes.

Unbound letters received, January 1866–December 1868, are arranged chronologically, and most of the letters from April 1867 to November 1868 appear to be entered in the two-volume series of letters received and endorsements sent, 1 (121) and 2 (122), for that period.

The two volumes of registers of contracts, May–December 1865, 1 (128) and 2 (129), are arranged chronologically. The contracts for the period January–March 1866 appear in the miscellaneous record book series (127) mentioned below.

The single-volume register of complaints, February 1867–December 1868, 1 (130), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

The single-volume miscellaneous record book, September 1865–August 1867 (127), is arranged by type of record. In addition to containing a register of complaints for September 1865 and copies of contracts for January through March 1866, the

volume includes an account of subsistence stores issued by both the Bureau and the New York Relief Association for the period from May through August 1867.

Unbound miscellaneous records, June 1866–February 1869, are arranged by type of record and include receipts, returns of commissary property, invoices, reports on current accounts, estimates of funds, affidavits, and incomplete claims applications.

HAYNESVILLE
The single volume of letters sent by W. H. Hunter, August–November 1868 (192), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

HUNTSVILLE (SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONER)
The four volumes of letters sent, July 1865–November 1868, 1 (62), 2 (63), 3 (64), and 4 (65), are arranged chronologically and have name indexes.

The two volumes of endorsements sent, September 1865–November 1868, 1 (70) and 2 (71), are arranged chronologically, and only the second volume, 2 (71), has a name index. In this series, cross-references to letters received and sent are designated by a citation of the appropriated file number of the letter.

The single-volume register of letters received, July 1865–March 1866 (57), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. Many of the letters in the series after November 1865 seem to be copied in full, and issuances received by the subassistant commissioner at Huntsville have also been copied in the volume.

The four volumes of letters received, March 1866–December 1868 1 (58), 2 (59), 3 (60), and 4 (61), are arranged chronologically, and each volume has a name index.

Unbound letters received, September 1865–January 1869, are arranged chronologically, and they do not appear to be duplicates of those in the four-volume series of letters received mentioned above.

The single volume of special orders issued, April 1866–April 1868 (72), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

The single-volume register of rations shipped to agents and issued in the counties, January–October 1866 (80), is arranged by type of record. The volume includes a register of subsistence stores shipped to agents (January–April 1866), a register of rations issued in bulk to freedmen (January–March 1866), and a register of rations issued in the counties (February–October 1866). The subsistence stores shipped are arranged chronologically, rations issued in bulk are arranged chronologically and thereunder alphabetically, and the rations issued in the counties are arranged alphabetically by county. The volume also contains copies and extracts of special orders issued at the contraband camp at Huntsville for the period December 1864–July 1865.

The three volumes of fair copies of contracts, September 1865–January 1868 1 (81), 2 (82), and 3 (83), are arranged chronologically and numbered, and there is a name

index for the period January 1867–January 1868. The volumes include a copy of each contract and the date on which the contract was made. The contracts involve the rental of property, payments for goods, and obligations of employers to freedmen employees. Some of the entries for 1865 seem to be summaries rather than fair copies. Canceled contracts are generally marked in red ink.

The single-volume docket of trials, January–March 1866 (84), is arranged chronologically by case and includes such information as the title of the case, names of witnesses, the cause of action, the proceedings of the case (including testimony), and the decision of the judge.

Unbound rosters of officers and employees, January–March 1866, are arranged chronologically.

Unbound miscellaneous records, 1865–67, are arranged by subject in accordance with an index list. The records in the series relate to discharges received, affidavits, contracts, accounts, and bills.

HUNTSVILLE AND ATHENS (CLAIMS AGENT)

The two correspondence series for the claims agent at Huntsville and Athens include four volumes of letters sent and unbound letters received. Both series cover the period April 1868–January 1872. The four volumes of letters sent, 1 (66), 2 (67), 3 (68), and 4 (69) are arranged chronologically. Unbound letters received are arranged generally by office of sender. From April 1868 to February 1869 the claims agent was at Athens, and from February 1869 to January 1872 at Huntsville.

Unbound receipts for claims, 1867–72, are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of correspondent and thereunder chronologically by date of claim. The claims also contain information relating to payments.

The single-volume census of black citizens and register of bounty claims received and forwarded, 1865 and June–July 1868 (79½), is arranged by type of record. The first part of the volume is a census of blacks in Athens in 1865. The census includes the person's name, age, sex, and residence; the name of former owner, if applicable; and the person's occupation and current employment. The register of bounty claims received by the agent at Athens is dated June–July 1868. Each entry gives the name of the claimant, the nature of the claim, and the action taken.

The two volumes of registers of claims allowed, April 1868–January 1872, 1 (78) and 2 (79), are arranged chronologically. There is some duplication in the volumes, and they document the claim agent's activities while at Athens and Huntsville.

The two volumes of registers of claims forwarded by the claims agent, May 1866–January 1872, 1 (74) and 2 (75), are numbered and arranged in chronological order. The entries give the date the claim was forwarded, the name of the claimant, and the nature of the claims and the disposition of the claim. These registers were apparently begun by the subassistant commissioner at Huntsville and continued by

the claims agent at Huntsville. Some of the names in volume 2 (79) of the claims allowed are also in volume 2 (75) of the claims forwarded.

The two volumes of registers of disbursements, January 1868–January 1872, 1 (76) and 2 (77), are arranged and numbered in chronological order. There are cross-references to claims listed in the two volumes of registers of claims forwarded, 1 (74) and 2 (75).

The single-volume register of claimants, June 1868–December 1871 (73), is arranged chronologically by date of receipt of voucher. The entries give the date the voucher was received; the claimant's name, company, and regiment; the amount due the claimant; the date the voucher was returned; the date the money was received; and the date the payment was made. The register was apparently begun by the subassistant commissioner at Huntsville and continued by the claims agent.

Unbound miscellaneous records on claims and copies of school reports, 1865–71, are arranged by type of record. The claims agent also acted as district superintendent of schools.

HUNTSVILLE (FREEDMEN'S HOSPITAL)

The single volume of letters sent by the surgeon, February–March 1866 (87), is arranged chronologically and does not have an index.

The single-volume press copies of letters sent by the surgeon, September 1866–August 1868 (88), is arranged chronologically and consists primarily of letters to the surgeon in chief transmitting reports.

The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements sent February 1867–June 1868 (85), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

The single volume of special and general orders and circular letters received by the Freedmen's Hospital at Huntsville, May 1865–August 1866 (86), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. Some of the letters received have also been entered in this volume.

The single volume register of sick and wounded, January 1866–July 1868 (89), is arranged chronologically by date of admission and includes each patient's name, sex, nature of illness, date of admission, and date of discharge or death.

Unbound monthly reports of destitute discharged soldiers and families treated, July 1867–June 1868, are arranged chronologically.

JACKSONVILLE

The three-record series for the subassistant and agent at Jacksonville included a single volume of letters sent, May–August 1868; unbound letters received, May–June 1868; and unbound contracts, June–December 1865. All of the series are arranged chronologically. The single volume of letters sent (131) has a name index. The unbound contracts were negotiated at the Post of Jacksonville.

LIVINGSTON
The single volume of letters sent and fair copies of letters and orders received by agent John L. Stelzig at Livingston, August–December 1868 (157), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. The volume includes monthly reports of operations to the subassistant commissioner for the period from August to November 1868.

The three remaining records for Livingston included a single-volume register of complaints, August–November 1868, unbound court records, 1866–1867, and list of contracts (no dates). The single-volume register of complaints (158) is arranged chronologically; the unbound court records are arranged by case. The undated list of contracts gives the name of the employer and number of contracts.

MOBILE (SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONER)
The single volume of letters sent, April 1865–April 1868 (108), is arranged chronologically and has a name index for the months after January 1866.

The single volume of press copies of letters sent, April–December 1868 (109), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

The single volume of press copies of letters of transmittal sent, February 1866 –September 1868 (110), is arranged chronologically. Most of the letters in the series relate to reports, invoices, receipts, and bills of lading forwarded. There are also some reports that were copied into the volume.

The two volumes of registers of letters received and endorsements sent, November 1865–December 1868, 1 (106) and 2 (107), are arranged chronologically.

Unbound letters received, September 1865–December 1868, are arranged chronologically by year and thereunder generally according to whether registered or not. The registered letters are generally, but not always, marked with file numbers. These letters are registered in the two volumes of registers of letters received and endorsements sent mentioned above.

The single volume of registers of contracts and complaints, January 1866–August 1868 (114), is arranged by type of register and thereunder chronologically. The first part of the volume contains a register of contracts for the period from January 1866 to January 1868. Until December 1867, there are only brief entries describing the type of labor, period, pay per month, and sex of employee. Thereafter, there are a few entries that give a more detailed copy of the contracts. The register of complaints is for the period from July to August 1868 and contains the name and residence of the complainant, the nature of the complaint, and the action taken.

Unbound transcripts of mayor's docket, August–September 1865, are arranged and numbered in chronological order. The entries consist of brief abstracts of cases tried before the mayor of Mobile. They give the date of the case, the persons involved, the nature of the case, officers and witnesses involved, and the judgment rendered.

Unbound miscellaneous records, 1865–68, are arranged by type of record. The series includes affidavits, February 1866–December 1867, some of which relate to the riot of May 14, 1867. The records also contain contracts (December 1866–January 1868), authorizations for rations (August 1865), copies of monthly reports of rations issued (January–November 1866), trimonthly reports of destitutes (April–May 1866), and reports of persons and articles hired and returns of quartermaster stores (July 1865–July 1868). In addition, there are such miscellaneous items as a copy of an act dated March 1866 to provide for the erection of schoolhouses in Mobile and proceedings of a board of survey convened to investigate the damage and loss of a shipment of corn.

The single volume "Time Book (112)," Swayne School Construction (1868), is arranged chronologically. A table of wages is pasted on the inside of front cover. An account book of work done provides names of workmen, number of days employed, pay per diem, and amount earned.

MOBILE (FREEDMEN'S HOSPITAL)

The single volume of press copies of letters sent by the surgeon, August 1866 –November 1867 (116), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. They are primarily letters transmitting reports. The letters sent from September to November 1865 appear in the single volume miscellaneous record book described below (117). For letters sent from February to July 1866, see the single volume of letters sent and register of letters received (115) listed below.

The single volume of letters sent and register of letters received, January–December 1866 (115), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically, and there is a name index for the letters sent. The letters sent are dated February–July 1866; the letters received are dated January–June 1866; and the register of letters received are dated June–December 1866

The single-volume miscellaneous record book (117) is arranged by type of record. The volume contains general orders, special orders, circulars, and circular letters received for the period from September 1865 to September 1867. There are also copies of letters sent for the period from September to November 1865 and a list of the required weekly, monthly, quarterly, and semiannual reports that were required by the surgeon in chief for Alabama.

The single-volume monthly abstract of provisions issued, October 1866–October 1867 (118), is arranged chronologically by month. The abstract gives a breakdown of patients (men, women, and children) to whom rations were issued, the types and amounts of rations issued, and the total rations issued.

The two volumes of registers of patients, August 1865–November 1867 (119) and June 1865–November 1867 (no number), are arranged chronologically by date of admission and chronologically, respectively. Some entries in the volumes appear to be duplicates.

The single volume of morning reports of sick and wounded (120) is dated August 1865–November 1867 and is arranged chronologically.

Unbound monthly reports of treatment of destitute discharged soldiers and their families, dated June–October 1867, are arranged chronologically.

MOBILE (CLAIMS AGENT)
The single-volume register of claimants compiled by the claims agent in Mobile, December 1867–March 1872 (111), is arranged chronologically by date of receipt of voucher. The entries consist of the date the voucher was received, the claimant's name, company, and regiment. It also contains the amount due the claimant, the date the vouchers were returned, the date the money was received from the disbursing officer, the date payment was made to the claimant, and by whom the claimant was identified.

MONTGOMERY (SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONER)
The three volumes of letters sent, October 1865–December 1868, 1 (92), 2 (93), and 3 (94), are arranged and numbered in chronological order, and volumes 1 (92) and 3 (94) have name indexes.

The two volumes of registers of letters received and endorsements sent, March 1867–December 1868, 1 (90) and 2 (91), are arranged by time period, and each volume has a name index. The entries in the volumes are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of writer and thereunder chronologically. The letters entered in the register were apparently either returned or forwarded

Unbound letters received, May 1865–December 1868, are arranged chronologically. This series consists of letters that were retained, rather than letters entered in the registers of letters received and either returned or forwarded.

Unbound special and general orders and circular letters received, July 1865–May 1868, are arranged chronologically. Most of the issuances were received from the Assistant Commissioner.

The four volumes of fair copies of contracts dated 1865, 1 (196), 2 (197), 3 (198), and 4 (199), are unarranged and consist of copies of contracts made in counties outside the Montgomery subdistrict. Volume 2 (197) contains a list of rooms and tenants at Stonewall Hospital for October 1866 and a record of applicants for unpaid bounties.

The single-volume register of claimants, March 1867–July 1868 (95), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of claimant and thereunder chronologically by date of receipt of claim. The claims are for bounties and back pay.

Unbound reports sent to the Assistant Commissioner, July 1865–October 1868, are arranged by type of report and thereunder chronologically. Included are narrative reports, including one submitted by an officer subordinate to the subassistant

commissioner, and form reports of buildings in the possession of the subassistant commissioner.

Unbound miscellaneous records are arranged by type of record. The series includes affidavits (January 1866–September 1867), contracts (January 1866–February 1867), receipts for funds (December 1865–July 1866), receipts for provisions (October 1865–June 1867), authorizations for rations issued (April–July 1866), reports of cases tried (February 1866–May 1868), and miscellaneous papers (July 1865–January 1868).

MONTGOMERY (FREEDMEN'S HOSPITAL)

The single volume of letters sent by the surgeon, January–November 1867 (98), is arranged chronologically and has name index. For other letters sent, see the single-volume surgeon's record book (101) and the single volume of reports of patients (103), listed below.

The single register of letters received and endorsements sent, January–November 1867 (96), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of writer and thereunder chronologically and has a name index.

The single volume of special orders and circular letters received, January–November 1867 (97), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. Most of the issuances were received from the office of the Chief Medical Officer at Bureau headquarters or from the chief surgeon for Alabama.

The single-volume surgeon's record book, August 1865–January 1867 (101), is arranged chronologically and thereunder by type of record. Included in this volume are copies of letters sent and issuances received; an invoice of hospital stores received; and accounts of the freedmen's hospital and the Home Colony Hospital with the Subsistence Department for the period May–October 1867.

The two volumes of accounts of subsistence stores purchased and issued, January–September 1867, 1 (99) and 2 (100), are arranged chronologically. The second volume 2 (100) contains accounts for the Home Colony Hospital for the period June–August 1867. Other accounts of subsistence stores are filed with the surgeon's record book (101) described above and the register of patients (102) listed below.

The single volume of reports of patients, September 1865–November 1867 (103), is arranged chronologically and thereunder by type of record. There are daily, weekly, and monthly reports, including some for the Home Colony Hospital. The volume also contains copies of special orders received and letters sent by the acting staff surgeon for the period from January to August 1865. There are also invoices of medicines and hospital supplies received for the same period.

The two volumes of registers of patients, August 1865–November 1867, 1 (104) and 2 (105), are arranged chronologically. The second volume 2 (105) also contains a register of patients at Home Colony Hospital for the period January–November 1867.

Unbound monthly reports of treatment of destitute discharged soldiers and their families (2 items), June–July 1867, are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume miscellaneous registers of food purchased for use at the hospital, 1865–67 (176), is arranged by type of register. The volume was erroneously listed among the book records of Arkansas. It originally was used as a morning report book for an artillery company during the Civil War.

MONTGOMERY (HOME COLONY HOSPITAL)
The single-volume register of patients for the Home Colony Hospital at Montgomery, September 1865–July 1866 (102), is arranged chronologically by date of admission. The volume also contains an account of subsistence stores for January–July 1867. For subsistence accounts for June–August 1867, see volume (100) of the accounts of subsistence stores purchased and issued, and for May–October 1867, see volume (101) of the surgeon's record book. For a register of patients at the Home Colony for January–November 1867, see volume 2 (105) mentioned above.

OPELIKA
The two volumes of letters sent June 1867–December 1868, 1 (133) and 2 (134), are arranged chronologically, and each volume has a name index.

The single register of letters received and endorsements sent, February–December 1868 (132), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. This is primarily a register of letters endorsed or forwarded; therefore, the letters registered in the volume do not appear in the unbound letters received listed below.

Unbound letters received, May 1867–December 1868, are arranged chronologically. Only a few if any, of these letters appear in the register of letters received and endorsements sent.

The single-volume register of complaints, June 1867–January 1868 (330), is arranged chronologically. The register includes copies of endorsements sent or received relating to complaints. This volume was originally "indexed," or listed, as a record of Georgia.

Unbound monthly reports of operations, August–November 1868, are arranged chronologically.

Unbound circular letters issued and orders received cover the period June–October 1868. The circular letters are arranged by circular number and thereunder chronologically. The orders received are arranged by type of order.

SELMA (SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONER)
The four volumes of letters sent, March 1866–December 1868 [no entries for May 1866], 1 (175), 2 (176), 3 (177), and 4 (178), are arranged chronologically and each volume has a name index. The first volume, 1 (175), also contains records of the proceedings relating to a freedmen's court for the period March–April 1866, which

states the nature of the cases, testimony, and court decisions. There are a number of cross-references beginning in January 1867 to register file numbers of letters received and endorsements sent.

The single volume of letters sent, July 1867–June 1868 (179), relating to Bureau and quartermaster stores, is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

The two volumes of registers of letters received and endorsements sent, January 1867–December 1868, 1 (173) and 2 (174), are arranged and numbered by time period in chronological order and have name indexes. These volumes are extensively cross-referenced to letters and endorsements sent. Citations are to file numbers.

Unbound letters received, September 1865–December 1868, are arranged chronologically, and most of the letters are for the period January 1867–December 1868 and are entered in the two volumes of registers of letters received, 1 (173) and 2 (174). There is a small number of pre-1867 and several 1868 letters that are unregistered.

Unbound special orders received, November 1865–February 1867, are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of complaints, August 1865–April 1868 (180), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

The single-volume register of employed freedmen dated 1865 (181) is arranged in two parts: the first part of the volume is arranged by sex and thereunder by initial letter of surname of freedman; the second part is arranged according to employer. The register gives the names of the freedmen and indicates the terms of employment.

The single-volume register of rations issued to freedmen and destitute whites, July 1866–September 1867 (182), is arranged chronologically and thereunder by race of recipient.

Unbound morning reports of freedmen in camp and hospital, August–December 1865, are arranged chronologically and include freedmen in the hospital and in the freedmen's camp at Home Colony, which was a leased plantation.

Unbound complaints, June–September 1866, are arranged chronologically. These complaints appear to be entered in the single-volume register of complaints (180) described above.

Unbound miscellaneous records, 1856–69, are arranged by type of record. The series includes labor contracts (January 1866–Mar. 1869), lists of Bureau stores received and transferred (June–September 1865), reports of registration of white and black voters (June–October 1867), and vouchers authorizing pay for services and supplies (August–December 1866). This series also includes memorandums on labor contract settlements (November 1866–February1868), reports of cases tried (September

1866–July 1868), miscellaneous records on disbursements (February–November 1866), and certificates of destitution among freedmen (January–June 1867). In addition to the above-mentioned records, there are a copy of the last will of Lewis Tidwell, dated January 22, 1856; lists of confiscated lands; forms used by the Bureau; and specifications for carpentry work on a schoolhouse.

SELMA (FREEDMEN'S HOSPITAL)

The two volumes of letters sent by the surgeon, May 1866–June 1868, 1 (185) and 2 (186), are arranged chronologically. Volume 2 (186) contains the earliest letters sent, dated May–July 1866, by the surgeon at the Talladega hospital. For other records relating to that hospital, see the single volume of letters sent, August–December 1868 (170), listed below for Freedmen's Hospital at Talladega.

The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements sent, July 1867–June 1868 (190), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

The single-volume register of patients, February 1866–July 1867 (no number), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains a list of employees for January 1867. Some of the entries appear to duplicate entries in the single-volume register of patients listed below (187).

The single-volume register of patients, October 1866–June 1868 (187), is arranged chronologically by date of admission. Records of patients admitted dating back to February 1866 appear in the unnumbered single-volume register of patients mentioned above.

The single volume accounts of Subsistence Department, August 1867–June 1868 (188), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. Included in the volume is the monthly breakdown of supplies issued and purchased giving quantity, cost per unit, and total cost.

The single-volume register of prescriptions, May 1867–December 1868 (183), is arranged chronologically.

The single volume of morning reports of patients and attendants, August 1867–July 1868 (189), is arranged chronologically.

TALLADEGA (SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONER)

The four volumes of letters sent by the subassistant commissioner at Talladega, May 1866–December 1868, 1 (164), 2 (165), 3 (166), and 4 (167), are arranged chronologically and have name indexes. The first volume, 1 (164), also contains a receipt roll for pay (April. 1867–May 1868); ration returns (May–July 1866); and miscellaneous accounts (April 1867–December 1868).

Unbound copies of letters sent, March–July 1866, are arranged chronologically. Several of these letters are duplicated in the corresponding volume of letters sent, 1(164).

The three volumes of registers of letters received and endorsements sent, May 1867–December 1868, 1 (161), 2 (162), and 3 (163), are arranged by time period and have name indexes. Many of the letters entered in the registers are in the unbound series of letters received described below. The entries in volumes 1 (161) and 2 (162) are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of writer and thereunder chronologically. Those in volume 3 (163) are arranged chronologically. Volume 3 (163), June–December 1868, includes no endorsements.

The single volume of endorsements sent, June–December 1868 (168), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. Cross-reference citations are to registers of letters received. The endorsements during the period May 1867–June 1868 are filed in the registers of letters received, volumes 1 (161) and 2 (162).

Unbound letters received, December 1865–December 1868, are arranged chronologically. Most of the letters for the period May 1867–December 1868 are marked with file numbers that correspond to entries in the registers of letters received. However, some of the letters for that period appear to be unregistered.

The single volume of special orders issued and received, June 1867–November 1868 (169), are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically and has a name index. The orders received were from the Assistant Commissioner's office and related to affairs in the Talladega subdistrict.

The unbound general and special orders and circular letters received, December 1865–November 1867, are arranged chronologically.

The unbound miscellaneous records, 1865–68, are arranged by type of record. The series includes copies of monthly returns of Bureau stores (February–June 1867), reports on indigents (October 1865), reports on rations issued (July 1866), and bills of lading (May 1866–January 1867). The series also includes invoices and receipts of commissary stores (June–October 1866); contracts (May 1865–Mar. 1866); and miscellaneous papers, including some deeds dating from 1859.

TALLADEGA (FREEDMEN'S HOSPITAL)
The single volume of letters sent, August–December 1868 (170), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. For letters sent for the period May–July 1866, see volume 1 (185), mentioned above, of letters sent by the surgeon for the Freedmen's Hospital at Selma.

The single-volume register of patients, February 1867–November 1868 (172), is arranged alphabetically by surname of patient and thereunder chronologically

The single volume of morning reports of sick and wounded, September 1867–December 1868 (171), is arranged chronologically.

TUSCALOOSA

The single volume of letters and endorsements sent and letters received, March–October 1866 (135), is arranged chronologically. It has a name index and contains a list of destitute persons issued rations in February 1866.

Unbound letters received, February 1866–May 1868, are arranged chronologically.

The unbound general and special orders and circular letters received, January 1866–May 1867, are arranged chronologically.

Unbound contracts, December 1865–April 1867, are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of complaints, January 1866–July 1868 (136), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

Unbound miscellaneous records, January 1866–May 1867, are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The records include school reports, ration reports, affidavits, complaints, and statements about threats of personal violence and breaking of contracts.

TUSCUMBIA

The records for the subassistant commissioner at Tuscumbia include a single volume of letters sent, May–August 1868 (159), and a single volume of fair copies of contracts, November 1865–March 1868 (160). Both of these record series are arranged chronologically, and the single volume of letters sent (159) has a name index.

TUSKEGEE

The single volume of letters sent, September 1865–April 1866 (154), by the assistant superintendent at Tuskegee is arranged chronologically and has a name index. Much of the volume consists of weekly reports sent to the office of the Assistant Commissioner for the period September 1865–April 1866. The volume also contains pay receipts for persons serving as election registrars for the period September–October 1867. There is also a breakdown by district on the number of voters registered by each registrar.

The remaining records for the assistant superintendent at Tuskegee include unbound monthly reports of rations issued, February–April 1866, and a single-volume register of patients from an unidentified hospital, 1865–66 (175 Ark.). The monthly reports are arranged chronologically. The single volume register of patients from an unidentified hospital was listed among the Arkansas book records, but the patients are from Alabama.

tendent of education for Alabama. These record series are available in the following National Archives microfilm publications:

M742, ***Selected Series of Records Issued by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1872***

M752, ***Registers and Letters Received by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1872***

M803, ***Records of the Education Division of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1871***

M809, ***Records of the Assistant Commissioner for the State of Alabama, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1870.***

M810, ***Records of the Superintendent of Education for the State of Alabama, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1870***

M1875, ***Marriage Records of the Office of the Commissioner, Washington Headquarters of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1861–1869***

Records in other record groups supplement those of the Assistant Commissioner. In Records of United States Army Continental Commands, 1821–1920, RG 393, are records of the military district that included Alabama. Records relating to employment and welfare of freedmen and abandoned property before the establishment of the Bureau are among Records of Civil War Special Agencies of the Treasury Department, RG 366. The records of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, 1865–1874, in Records of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, RG 101, contain information relating to former slaves who maintained accounts with the bank branches at Alabama.

There have been numerous books, articles, and dissertations published about the Freedmen's Bureau and its operations. For general background, see Paul S. Pierce, *The Freedmen's Bureau, A Chapter in the History of Reconstruction* (Iowa City, IA: 1904); George R. Bentley, *A History of the Freedmen's Bureau* (Philadelphia, PA: 1955); and Elizabeth Bethel, "The Freedmen's Bureau in Alabama," *The Journal of Southern History* XIV (February 1948): 49–92.

Several books written about Commissioner Oliver Otis Howard include *Autobiography of Oliver Otis Howard* (New York, NY: 1907); John Alcott Carpenter, *Sword and Olive Branch: Oliver Otis Howard* (Pittsburgh, PA: 1964); and William S. McFeely, *Yankee Stepfather: O. O. Howard and the Freedmen* (New Haven, CT: 1968). For a history of the Freedmen's Bureau and Reconstruction in Alabama, see Peter Kolchin, *First Freedom: The Response of Alabama's Blacks to Emancipation and Reconstruction* (Westport, CT: 1972).

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	Volume (37)	Feb. 1867–May 1868
	Register of Letters Received and Endorsements Sent	
	Volume (50)	Feb.–July 1867
	Letters Received Pertaining to Subsistence	Mar.–Dec. 1867
	Unregistered Letters Received	Mar.–Oct. 1867
	Letters and Reports Received by M. H. Cruikshank	Jan. 1866–Aug. 1867
	Weekly, Trimonthly and Monthly Reports and Returns of Rations and Provisions Issued	
	Demopolis–Talladega	1865
	Autauga–Conecuh	1866
2	Weekly, Trimonthly and Monthly Reports and Returns of Rations and Provisions Issued	
	Coosa–Randolph	1866
	Benton–Bibb	1866
	Employees–Pest House	1866–67
	Reports of Subsistence Stores Issued and Received	July 1867–Aug. 1868

* Volume numbers assigned by the Adjutant General's Office (AGO) are shown in parentheses to assist in identifying the volumes.

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
3	List of Heads of Families Who Have Received Relief ("Certificates of Applicants")	1867–68
	Applications for Relief	Jan. 1866, May–July 1867, May 1868
4	Accounts of Stores Issued to Agents Volume (46)	Nov. 1866–Feb. 1868
	Inspector General and Disbursing Officer	
	Register of Letters Received and Endorsements Sent Volume (28)	Mar.–May 1868
	Quartermaster and Disbursing Officer	
	Letters Received and Sent Volume (38)	Apr.–July 1866
	Press Copies of Letters Sent Volume 1 (39)	Sept. 1866–June 1867
5	Press Copies of Letters Sent Volume 2 (40)	June 1867–Aug. 1868
	Volume 3 (41)	Aug. 1868–July 1870
6	Endorsements Sent Volume (42)	Jan.–Apr. 1867
	Register of Letters Received and Endorsements Sent Volume (36)	Jan. 1867–Jan. 1869
	Letters Received A–G	1868
	G–K	1868
7	Letters Received M–W	1868
	B–W	1869
	Monthly Reports of Persons and Articles Hired	Sept. 1865–July 1869
8	Miscellaneous Memorandums Volume (45)	Jan. 1866–Apr. 1867
	Account Book of Stores Purchased Volume (48)	Sept. 1866–July 1870
	Account Book of Stores Issued in the Counties Volume (47)	Jan. 1867–May 1868
	Account Book of Stores Transferred by and to the Chief Quartermaster Volume (49)	Apr.– Oct. 1867

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
8	**Surgeon**	
(cont.)	Letters Sent	
	Volume 1 (31)	Sept. 7, 1865– July 21, 1866
	Volume 2 (32)	July 21, 1866– Mar. 16, 1867
	Volume 3 (33)	Mar. 18, 1867– Dec. 31, 1868
	Endorsements Sent	
	Volume 1 (34)	Sept. 1865– Aug. 1867
	Volume 2 (35)	Aug. 1867– Dec. 1868
	Registers of Letters Received	
	Volume 1 (29)	Oct. 1865–July 1867
	Volume 2 (30)	Aug. 10, 1867– Jan. 1, 1869
9	Letters Received	Dec. 1865–Aug. 1868
	Register of Invoices of Medical Supplies Received	
	Volume (195)	Nov.–Dec. 1865
	SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES	
	Ashville	
	Labor Contracts	Aug. 1865
	Bluffton	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume (156)	Apr.–July 1868
	Fair Copies of Letters Received and Endorsements Sent	
	Volume (155)	Apr.–July 1868
	Letters Received	May 1868
	Cahaba	
	Contracts, Register of Contracts, and Registers of Transportation and Rations Issued	
	Volume (191)	1865–66
	Claiborn	
	Letters Received	May–July 1868
	Demopolis	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume 1 (138)	1866
	Volume 2 (139)	Jan. 1867– June 1867
	Volume 3 (140)	June 1867– Dec. 1868
	Register of Letters Received and Endorsements Sent	
	Volume (137)	Apr. 1867–Nov. 1868
	Letters Received	Aug. 1865–Apr. 1867

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
10	Letters Received	May 1867–Dec. 1868
	Register of Complaints	
	Volume (141)	Feb. 1866–Aug. 1868
	Miscellaneous Records	Jan. 1866–Nov. 1868
	Miscellaneous School Records of C. L. Drake	
	Volume (194)	May 1866–Oct. 1868
11	Register of Patients, Freedmen's Hospital	
	Volume (142)	June–Nov. 1867
	Elyton	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume (153)	May–Aug. 1868
	Register of Letters Received and Endorsements Sent	
	Volume (152)	May–July 1868
	Letters Received	May–July 1868
	Eufaula	
	Letter Received by H. R. Burton	Jan. 1868
	Eutaw	
	Letters Received by J. A. Yordy	Apr.–June 1868
	Labor Contracts	1866
	Garland	
	Letters Sent by the Surgeon	
	Volume (145)	May–Oct. 1868
	Letters Received and Sent and Register of Prescriptions	
	Volume (146)	1867–68
	Registers of Letters Received and Endorsements Sent	
	Volume 1 (143)	Jan. 8–Oct. 15, 1868
	Volume 2 (144)	Oct. 10–Dec. 31, 1868
	Letters Received	Mar.–Aug. 1867
	Account Book	
	Volume (147)	Oct. 1867–Oct. 1868
	Register of Patients	
	Volume 1 (148)	May 1867– Oct. 1868
	Volume 2 (149)	May 1867– Oct. 1868
	Registers of Prescriptions	
	Volume 1 (150)	1867
	Volume 2 (151)	1868
	Monthly Reports of Destitute Discharged Soldiers	June–Nov. 1867
	List of Expenses Incurred for Treatment of Freedmen	May 3, 1866
	Girard	
	Letters Received by J. B. Healy and a Labor Contract	1867–68

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
11 (cont.)	**Greenville**	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume 1 (123)	Sept. 1865– Oct. 1866
	Volume 2 (124)	June 1866– Apr. 1867
	Volume 3 (125)	Feb. 1867– July 1868
	Volume 4 (126)	Aug.– Dec. 1868
	Registers of Letters Received and Endorsements Sent	
	Volume 1 (121)	Apr. 1867– Sept. 1868
	Volume 2 (122)	Sept.– Nov. 1868
12	Letters Received	Jan. 1866–Dec. 1868
13	Registers of Contracts	
	Volume 1 (128)	May–Dec. 1865
	Volume 2 (129)	May–Dec. 1865
	Register of Complaints	
	Volume (130)	Feb. 3, 1867–Dec. 1868
	Miscellaneous Record Book	
	Volume (127)	Sept. 1865–Aug. 1867
	Miscellaneous Records	June 1866–Feb. 1869
	Haynesville	
	Letters Sent by W. H. Hunter	
	Volume (192)	Aug.–Nov. 1868
	Huntsville (Subassistant Commissioner)	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume 1 (62)	July 1865– Apr. 1866
	Volume 2 (63)	Apr. 1866– May 1867
	Volume 3 (64)	Apr. 1867– Jan. 1868
	Volume 4 (65)	Feb.–Nov. 1868
14	Endorsements Sent	
	Volume 1 (70)	Sept. 1865– Jan. 1868
	Volume 2 (71)	Feb.–Nov. 1868
	Register of Letters Received	
	Volume (57)	July 1865–Mar. 1866
	Letters Received	
	Volume 1 (58)	Mar.–Oct. 1866
	Volume 2 (59)	Oct. 1866– July 1867
	Volume 3 (60)	July 1867– Jan. 1868
	Volume 4 (61)	Jan.–Dec. 1868
	Letters Received	Sept. 1865–Jan. 1869
15	Special Orders Issued	
	Volume (72)	Apr. 1866–Apr. 1868

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
15 (cont.)	Register of Rations Shipped to Agents and Issued in the Counties	
	Volume (80)	Jan.–Oct. 1866
	Fair Copies of Contracts	
	Volume 1 (81)	Sept. 1865–Jan. 1866
	Volume 2 (82)	Jan. 1866–Jan. 1867
	Volume 3 (83)	Jan. 1867–Jan. 1868
	Docket of Trials	
	Volume (84)	Jan.–Mar 1866
	Rosters of Officers and Employees	Jan.–Mar. 1866
	Miscellaneous Records	1865–67
	Huntsville and Athens (Claims Agent)	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume 1 (66)	Apr. 1868– July 1869
	Volume 2 (67)	July 1869– Jan. 1870
16	Letters Sent	
	Volume 3 (68)	Feb. 1870– Apr. 1871
	Volume 4 (69)	Apr. 1871– Jan. 1872
	Letters Received	Mar. 1870–Dec. 1871
17	Letters Received	Apr. 1868–Jan. 1869
	Letters Received	Jan.–Dec. 1869
18	Letters Received	Jan. 1869–Jan. 1872
	Receipts for Claims	1867–72
19	Census of Black Citizens and Register of Bounty Claims Received and Forwarded	
	Volume (79½)	1865 and June–July 1868
	Registers of Claims Allowed	
	Volume 1 (78)	Apr. 1868– May 1870
	Volume 2 (79)	Sept. 1868– Jan. 1872
	Registers of Claims Forwarded	
	Volume 1 (74)	May 1866– July 1870
	Volume 2 (75)	July 1870– Jan. 1872
	Registers of Disbursements	
	Volume 1 (76)	Jan. 1868– Apr. 1870
	Volume 2 (77)	Apr. 1870– Jan. 1872
	Register of Claimants	
	Volume (73)	June 1868–Dec. 1871
	Miscellaneous Records on Claims and Copies of School Reports	1865–71

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
19 (cont.)	**Huntsville (Freedmen's Hospital)**	
	Letters Sent by the Surgeon	
	Volume (87)	Feb.–Mar. 1866
	Press Copies of Letters Sent by the Surgeon	
	Volume (88)	Sept. 1866–Aug. 1868
	Register of Letters Received and Endorsements Sent	
	Volume (85)	Feb. 1867–June 1868
20	Special and General Orders and Circular Letters Received	
	Volume (86)	May 1865–Aug. 1866
	Register of Sick and Wounded	
	Volume (89)	Jan. 1866–July 1868
	Monthly Reports of Destitute Discharged Soldiers and Families Treated	July 1867–June 1868
	Jacksonville	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume (131)	May–Aug. 1868
	Letters Received	May–June 1868
	Contracts	June–Dec. 1865
	Livingston	
	Letters Sent and Fair Copies of Letters and Orders Received by Agent John L. Stelzig	
	Volume (157)	Aug.–Dec. 1868
	Register of Complaints	
	Volume (158)	Aug.–Nov. 1868
	Court Records	1866–67
	List of Contracts	No Dates
21	**Mobile (Subassistant Commissioner)**	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume (108)	Apr. 1865–Apr. 1868
	Press Copies of Letters Sent	
	Volume (109)	Apr.–Dec. 1868
	Press Copies of Letters of Transmittal Sent	
	Volume (110)	Feb. 1866–Sept. 1868
	Registers of Letters Received and Endorsements Sent	
	Volume 1 (106)	Nov. 1865– Apr. 1868
	Volume 2 (107)	Apr.–Dec. 1868
22	Letters Received	Sept. 1865–Dec. 1868
	Registers of Contracts and Complaints	
	Volume (114)	Jan. 1866–Aug. 1868
	Transcripts of Mayor's Docket	Aug.–Sept. 1865
	Miscellaneous Records	1865–68

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
23	"Time Book," Swayne School Construction Volume (112)	1868
	Mobile (Freedmen's Hospital)	
	Press Copies of Letters Sent by the Surgeon Volume (116)	Aug. 1866–Nov. 1867
	Letters Sent and Register of Letters Received Volume (115)	Jan.–Dec. 1866
	Miscellaneous Record Book Volume (117)	Sept. 1865–Sept. 1867
	Monthly Abstract of Provisions Issued Volume (118)	Oct. 1866–Oct. 1867
	Register of Patients Volume (119)	Aug. 1865–Nov. 1867
	Register of Patients Volume (No Number)	June 1865–Nov. 1867
	Morning Reports of Sick and Wounded Volume (120)	Aug. 1865–Nov. 1867
	Monthly Reports on Treatment of Destitute Discharged Soldiers and Their Families	June–Oct. 1867
	Mobile (Claims Agent)	
	Register of Claimants Volume (111)	Dec. 1867–Mar. 1872
	Montgomery (Subassistant Commissioner)	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume 1 (92)	Oct. 1865– Mar. 1867
	Volume 2 (93)	Jan. 1867– Feb. 1868
	Volume 3 (94)	Feb.– Dec. 1868
	Registers of Letters Received and Endorsements Sent	
	Volume 1 (90)	Mar. 1867– May 1868
	Volume 2 (91)	June – Dec. 1868
24	Letters Received	May 1865– Dec. 1867
25	Letters Received	Jan.–Dec. 1868
	Special and General Orders and Circular Letters Received	July 1865–May 1868
	Fair Copies of Contracts	
	Volume 1 (196)	1865
	Volume 2 (197)	1865 (one list, 1866)
	Volume 3 (198)	1865
	Volume 4 (199)	1865

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
26	Register of Claimants	
	Volume (95)	1867–July 1868
	Reports Sent to the Assistant Commissioner	July 1865–Oct. 1868
	Miscellaneous Records	1865–68
	Montgomery (Freedmen's Hospital)	
	Letters Sent by Surgeon	
	Volume (98)	Jan.–Nov. 1867
	Register of Letters Received and Endorsements Sent	
	Volume (96)	Jan.–Nov. 1867
	Special Orders and Circular Letters Received	
	Volume (97)	Jan.–Nov. 1867
	Surgeon's Record Book	
	Volume (101)	Aug. 1865–Jan. 1867
27	Accounts of Subsistence Stores Purchased and Issued	
	Volume 1 (99)	Jan.–Apr. 1867
	Volume 2 (100)	May–Sept. 1867
	Reports of Patients	
	Volume (103)	Sept. 1865–Nov. 1867
	Registers of Patients	
	Volume 1 (104)	Aug. 1865– May 1866
	Volume 2 (105)	May 1866– Nov. 1867
	Monthly Reports on Treatment of Destitute Discharged Soldiers and their Families	June–July 1867
	Miscellaneous Registers of Food Purchased for use at the Hospital	
	Volume (176 Ark.)	1865–67
	Montgomery (Home Colony Hospital)	
	Register of Patients	
	Volume (102)	Sept. 1865–July 1866
	Opelika	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume 1 (133)	June 1867– Feb. 1868
	Volume 2 (134)	Feb.–Dec. 1868
	Register of Letters Received and Endorsements Sent	
	Volume (132)	Feb.–Dec. 1868
	Letters Received	May 1867–Dec. 1868
28	Register of Complaints	
	Volume (330)	June 1867–Jan. 1868
	Monthly Reports of Operations	Aug.–Nov. 1868
	Circular Letters Issued and Orders Received	June–Oct. 1868

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
28 (cont.)	**Selma (Subassistant Commissioner)**	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume 1 (175)	Mar. 1866– Jan. 1867
	Volume 2 (176)	Jan.–Sept. 1867
	Volume 3 (177)	Sept. 1867– Oct. 1868
	Volume 4 (178)	Oct.– Dec. 1868
	Letters Sent Relating to Bureau and Quartermaster Stores	
	Volume (179)	July 1867–June 1868
29	Registers of Letters Received and Endorsements Sent	
	Volume 1 (173)	Jan.– Nov. 1867
	Volume 2 (174)	Nov. 1867–Dec. 1868
	Letters Received	Sept. 6, 1865-Nov. 29, 1867
30	Letters Received	Dec. 10, 1867–Dec. 24, 1868
	Special Orders Received	Nov. 1865–Feb. 1867
	Register of Complaints	
	Volume (180)	Aug. 1865–Apr. 1868
	Register of Employed Freedmen	
	Volume (181)	1865
31	Register of Rations Issued to Freedmen and Destitute Whites	
	Volume (182)	July 1866–Sept. 1867
	Morning Reports of Freedmen in Camp and Hospital	Aug.–Dec. 1865
	Complaints	June–Sept. 1866
	Miscellaneous Records	1856–69
	Selma (Freedmen's Hospital)	
	Letters Sent by the Surgeon	
	Volume 1 (185)	Aug. 1867–June 1868
	Volume 2 (186)	May 1866– July 1867
	Register of Letters Received and Endorsements Sent	
	Volume (190)	July 1867–June 1868
	Register of Patients	
	1 Volume (No Number)	Feb. 1866–July 1867
	Register of Patients	
	Volume (187)	Oct. 1866–June 1868
	Accounts of Subsistence Department	
	Volume (188)	Aug. 1867–June 1868
	Register of Prescriptions	
	Volume (183)	May 1867–Dec.1868
	Morning Reports of Patients and Attendants	
	Volume (189)	Aug. 1867–July 1868

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
31	**Talladega (Subassistant Commissioner)**	
(cont.)	Letters Sent	
	Volume 1 (164)	May 1866– Feb. 1867
	Volume 2 (165)	Feb 1867– Mar. 1868
32	Letters Sent	
	Volume 3 (166)	Mar.– Aug. 1868
	Volume 4 (167)	Aug.–Dec. 1868
	Copies of Letters Sent	Mar.–July 1866
	Registers of Letters Received and Endorsements Sent	
	Volume 1 (161)	May 1867– Feb. 1868
	Volume 2 (162)	Feb.– June 1868
	Volume 3 (163)	June– Dec. 1868
	Endorsements Sent	
	Volume (168)	June–Dec. 1868
	Letters Received	Dec. 1865–Dec. 1868
33	Special Orders Issued and Received	
	Volume (169)	June 1867–Nov. 1868
	General and Special Orders and Circular Letters Received	Dec. 1865–Nov. 1867
	Miscellaneous Records	1865–68 (some deeds, 1859)
	Talladega (Freedmen's Hospital)	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume (170)	Aug.–Dec. 1868
	Register of Patients	
	Volume (172)	Feb. 1867–Nov. 1868
	Morning Reports of Sick and Wounded	
	Volume (171)	Sept. 1867–Dec. 1868
	Tuscaloosa	
	Letters and Endorsements Sent and Letters Received	
	Volume (135)	Mar.–Oct. 1866
	Letters Received	Feb. 1866–May 1868
	General and Special Orders and Circular Letters Received	Jan. 1866–May 1867
	Contracts	Dec. 1865–Apr. 1867
34	Register of Complaints	
	Volume (136)	Jan. 1866–July 1868
	Miscellaneous Records	Jan. 1866–May 1867
	Tuscumbia	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume (159)	May–Aug. 1868

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
34 (cont.)	Fair Copies of Contracts Volume (160)	Nov. 1865–Mar. 1868
	Tuskegee	
	Letters Sent Volume (154)	Sept. 1865–Apr. 1866
	Monthly Reports of Rations Issued	Feb.–Apr. 1866
	Register of Patients from Unidentified Hospital Volume (175)	1865–66

APPENDIX

This list provides the names and dates of service of known Freedmen's Bureau personnel at selected subordinate field offices in Alabama. Additional information regarding persons assigned to various field offices might be found among the Bureau's Washington headquarters station books and rosters of military officers and civilians on duty in the states and other appointment-related records.

LOCATION	DATES
Demopolis	
SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS	
Capt. A. C. Haltonstall	Aug.–Dec. 1865
Bvt. Maj. C. W. Pierce	Jan. 1866–Feb.1868
Lt. A. J. Bennett	Feb.–May 1868
C. L. Drake	June 1868
R. A. Wilson	July–Dec. 1868
Greenville	
SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS	
A. L. Brown	Sept.–Nov. 1865
T. W. Mostyn	Nov. 1865–ca. June 1866
J. F. McGogy	ca. June 1866–Feb. 1867
Samuel Gardner	Feb.–June 1867
William H. Peck	June–Sept. 1867
Samuel Gardner	Sept.–Nov. 1867
J. A. Hart	Nov.–Dec. 1867
Samuel Gardner	Dec. 1867–July 1868
J. F. McGogy	Aug.–Dec. 1868
Huntsville	
SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS	
T. M. Goodfellow	Sept. 1865–Jan. 1866
J. B. Callis	Jan. 1866–Jan. 1868
Robert Harrison	Jan.–Feb. 1868
D. C. Rugg	Mar.–Nov. 1868
Huntsville and Athens	
CLAIMS AGENTS	
J. W. Wilis	Apr.–Sept. 1868
John Wager	Sept. 1868–Jan. 1872
Jacksonville	
SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONER AND AGENT	
Robert Harrison	May–Aug. 1868
William McKibbin (Agent)	Aug. 1868

Mobile
SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

George Harmount	Apr.–Aug. 1865
George Robinson	Oct. 1865–Apr. 1866
G. A. Washburn	Apr.–May 1866
L. J. Whiting	May–Aug 1866
Joseph Logan	Sept.–Oct. 1866
George Tracy	Nov. 1866–Sept. 1867
James Gillette	Sept. 1867–Aug. 1868
John Hyde	Aug.–Sept. 1868
E. H. Weirman	Sept.–Nov. 1868
Frank Towle	Nov.–Dec. 1868

Montgomery
SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

George A. Harmount	Oct. 1865–Dec. 1866
L. J. Whiting	Dec. 1866–Aug. 1867
J. C. Hendrix	Aug. 1867–Dec. 1868

Opelika
SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

R. T. Smith	June 1867–June 1868
John Bannister	July–Aug. 1868
D. B. Smith	Aug.–Sept. 1868
G. W. Kingsbury	Sept.–Oct. 1868
D. B. Smith	Oct.–Dec. 1868

Selma
SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

Samuel S. Gardner	Mar.–June 1866
F. D. Ogilby	June–July 1866
Samuel S. Gardner	July–Aug. 1866
George Shorkley	Aug. 1866–Jan. 1868
Charles C. Bartlett	Jan.–Dec. 1868

Talladega
SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

D. P. Cilley	Oct.–Nov. 1865
T. Humphrey	Dec. 1865–Apr. 1866
R. Theune	Apr. 1866–Feb. 1867
J. F. McGogy	Feb. 1867–June 1868
George P. Sherwood	June–Dec. 1868

Tuscaloosa
SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

Jesse W. Cogswell	Jan.–Apr. 1866
W. H. Peck	Apr. 1866–Apr. 1867
Robert Blair	Apr. 1867–Dec. 1868

Tuscumbia
SUBASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

Henry Sweeney	May–June 1868
W. H. Heilman	June–Aug. 1868
John Raines	Aug. 1868

Tuskegee
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS

Andrew Geddes	Sept.–Nov. 1865
Spencer Smith	Nov. 1865–Apr. 1866

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Letters ~~Received~~
~~Jan 1868~~

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LTRS RECEIVED
1868

Additional Card Abstracts of Records

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RECORDS OF THE FIELD OFFICES FOR THE STATE OF ALABAMA, BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS, 1865–1872

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SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES

Montgomery (Subassistant Commissioner)	
Letters Received	Jan.–Dec. 1868
Special and General Orders and Circular Letters Received	July 1865–May 1868
Fair Copies of Contracts	
Volume 1 (196)*	1865
Volume 2 (197)	1865 (one list, 1866)
Volume 3 (198)	1865
Volume 4 (199)	1865

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Schatalchie Mla
January 3rd 1818

McClain Frank

Requesting that the
case of Henry McKee
be tried before Dl
Thompson or P Hunt
&c &c send letter Thompk
Sent

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Letohatchee Ala, Jan 3rd 1868

Dear Sir. Enclosed is the Order you gave Henry McKee (Colored) there being no Justice of the Peace that I know of, in the County by the name of S. Brisham. Supposing you made a Mistake, ask it to be [redacted] to either E. W. Thompson or P. H. Cook they are the acting Magistrates of this Beat and County. You will please include Fodder as well as Corn in the Possession of the said William P. Bridlock and enclose the Same to me By Mail to Letohatchee ala I will then assist the man Henry McKee to procure [redacted] rights in the premises. as you may authorize, and oblige

Respectfully Yours &c
Frank McClain

P.S. Please give your early attention to this
F. McC

Wilmington Edmund Co. Ala
Office Probate Judge
January 4th 1818.

Ready Hud E. S.
Judge of Probate

Statements in the Cases
of A. P. Rawles & Mrs Elizabeth
Holtzclaw and case of
Malinda Anderson Cold

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Probate Office Elmore Co
Returnable Jany 4th 1868

Dear Sir

In accordance with your instructions of December the 11th I commenced J. P. Ramlo & Mrs Elizabeth Heltzclaw before me, also the col'd girl in dispute — Ramlo and the girl appeared, but Mrs Heltzclaw did not — After having examined both Ramlo & the girl, I returned the girl to Mrs Heltzclaw, she being old enough to choose her own guardian, and having ex= =pressed a desire to be returned —

On the 17th of December ultimo the case of Malinda Anderson (Col'd) to me, for action under Genl Orders No 3, was duly received — The Subpoenas were issued in accordance with said order and placed in the hands of the Sheriff, a few days after they were returned with the report

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that no property could be found, and
that the Parties had left for Parts
unknown

I am May very Respectfully &c
Jno Pabt. Scrap
E. S. Reese
Judge of Probate

Maj. Jno. L. Hogan
Actg Asst Adjt Genl
Montgomery
Alabama

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Office Sub Asst Comm B R F & L
Tyler Texas June 4th 1868

Montgomery Col D.S.
Sub Asst Comm

Statement as to the forwarding
of certain moneys belonging to
Matthews (colrd) -

Office Sub Asst Com B.R.F. & A.L.
Tyler Texas. Jany 4th 1868.

Jno. C. Hendrie
Sub Asst. Com B.R.F.&A.L.
Montgomery Ala.

Sir—I am in receipt of your communication dated Dec 9/67 in relation to obtaining & forwarding Circ #30 to Matteson Ferguson Freedmens—I will write at once to Col. Hubbard who lives some 18 miles distant from this place and if he sends me the money it shall be forwarded at once as requested by Matteson—

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
D. L. Montgomery
Bvt Lt. Col. U.S.A.
Sub Asst. Com.

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Talladega Co Notarized

January 5th 1818

Plaint. Robt S

Justice of the Peace

Statement in the Case

of Warren Burnbold vs

Wm McRitchie

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1868

Tallapoosa County Near Notasulga Ala Jany 5th

Jno C Hendrix Supt Asst Comr Dept Ala

Dear Sir Yours of the 31st Decr ult was this day received by the hand of Burrell Warren. (Colord) In reference to the loans & Others Labourers. Instructing me to secure the wages of said Warren & Others from their employers.

In justice to said Burrell Warren & Others I must beg leave to make the following statement in the case. I was placed under orders from your Head Quarters by Order No 13 & 14. which I acknowledge to you in due time. Sometime about the 20th Dec past a Planter of my settlement made application to the Agt of this Dept at Opelika who refered him to me as being under Military orders and ordered me to make settlements with Employers and Laborers which I proceeded to do. I was called upon by Thomas McRichie the employer of Burrell Warren & others on the 24th day of December 1867 to Settlements with said parties which I proceeded to do in the following manner I first called upon Thos McRichie for his contract with Burrell Warren & others which was produced I next called upon said Warren & Others for their contract with said McRichie which was also produced I examined the contracts which

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were substantially the same I then enquired of said
McRichie and Burrell Warren & others if this was their
contract all of whom acknowledged it was. I then proceed
to make Settlement between said Thomas McRichie
Employer and Burrell Warren & others Laborers upon
the principles of Justice between man and man
allowing said McRichie compensation for provisions furnished
to said Burrell Warren & others for their families which
were not laborers upon the farm. said McRichie had also
furnished or was security for said Laborers for limited amounts
for shoes clothing &c to a merchant which I caused them
to settle. all of which said Burrell Warren & others acknowledged
was just. I also required said McRichie to furnish said
Burrell Warren & others their accounts. which I enterpose
had him settled by me. Said Burrell Warren had
said account with him at the time he was at your
office which he informs me he exhibited to you
Burrell Warrens portion or part of the crop amounted to
to fifty four Dollars and Sixty five cents. his indebtedness to
McRichie was Sixty Eight Dollars and twenty eight cents. he gave
McRichie Three Dollars on another Laborer which left him
indebted to McRichie in the sum of Ten Dollars and Sixty
three cents. In Justice to Thomas McRichie I will say
that he did not charge any of his labourers for any lost
time which his contract allowed him to do; after the
settlement was made with Burrell Warren McRichie
gave him a bushel of corn; To all appearances
Burrell Warren and other Laborers employed by

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McRichie all seemed to be satisfied with the settlement
except one. All of said Laborers on the premises were
settled with at one time all were indebt but one
all of which I fully believe have recevie full Justice
I shall not attatch no portion of the crop until I hear
from you again as Thomas McRichie is a man that will
do that which is right. I wish to know from you if you
require me to do employes injustice to satisfy the laborers
I have bin thus particular that you may fully understand
the case. I shall with pleasure obey all orders from
your department unless they require me to do one party
injustice to satisfy another party. which I fully believe
that you will not do

Your obedient Servant
Robert J Plant
Justice of the Peace

NARA 14

Dept. Md. Montgomery Co.

January Term 1818

Bennett. Md

Justice of the Peace

Statement in the case of

Geo. Washington Custis vs.

B. F. Hood

NARA 13

Beat No 9 Dan the 6th 1868

Tobin Hendrix

Sub. Asst. Commr

Sir the case of

George Washington refered to me for investigation was this day investigated I found the proposed set-tlement of B. F. Wood to George Washington to be correct George acknowledged to all charges against him except 10 days lost time more than he thought he had lost he had not made count-of the 8 days he had lost which made the difference between them Mr Wood other Hands were all satis-fied with the same settlement and said it was what that agreed to

Very Respectfully Yours

A L Barnett J. P.

NARA 16

Troy Ala Pike Co

January 6th 1868

Silas. D. Pl

Judge of Probate

Statement in the Case of Thadeus Gibson (Col'd) who claimed Child in possession of Wm. H. D. Bragg

Rcbd 72 hrs 8

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Troy Ala January 6th 1868

Ino C Hendrix
Sub Asst Commissioner
Montgomery Ala

Sir

Yours of the 2nd inst, referring the cause of Thadeus Gibson (Colored) whose daughter he represented, was in the possession of W D Bragg, Esq- came to hand by last Mail, and contents carefully noted, And in reply I will state to you, that I have investigated the matter, and find that the child in question has not been Apprenticed, neither is she the daughter of Thadeus Gibson- he only wants her for a nurse— The facts in this case, as I learn them are these- During the days of Slavery- Mr Bragg owned the Mother of this girl- (whose father I learn is a white man) The Mother has been dead for sometime- and the girl prefers to stay with Mr W D Bragg, children- as he is very kind to her- of course Mr Bragg will treat her more kindly than any one else— If I learn however, that the foregoing statements are untrue, I will so report to you—

I am Sir
Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
D H. Siler
Freedmen Bureau

NARA 18

Tadaferro a County Court
January 6th 1818

Harrison Steward.

States that Mr Ivy
Day has failed to pay
him for the time he has
labored & desires assist-
-ance to secure it-

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1868

Alabama January 6

Gallapoosa County

Mr hendricks Sir I hav
not got no pay for myla
bor with Mr Jhon day
Squire Leech Says he dont
liv in the Same County that
Mr day dos and he dont no
what to doo and if you can
not git it for me I Shall
loose it for the negros chano
to collect out of Mr days
hand for his wife owns
all the peap party and if
you will doo me a great
favor by letting me know
what Course to persue

Steward Harrison

NARA 20

Huntsville Alabama
January 6th 1868

Polly F.

Statement in regard to a
Mortgage on the Estate
of Wm Jackson in favor
of Walker & Bennett
Mobile Copy contract enclosed

NARA 21

Haynesville Ala
Jany 6 1868

John. C. Hendrix
Dr to

1 fild. record
in the Probate Office. a mortgage
executed by Wm Jackson to Walker
& Brander, Mobile for $1105 Dls. dated
Feby 21 1867. Worn. Writ marked
that their claim is only $568.68

Telegram
J. T. Riley

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Statement of facts material to the case of Wm Jackson party of the first part and Billy and others, parties of the second part.

Early in the present year, or in the latter part of last year the above named parties entered into a contract of which these parties have a copy which may be examined. Some time in the spring, Wm Jackson needing supplies to carry on his farming operations to completion, executed a Mortgage upon his entire crop to some Commission Merchant in Mobile who thereupon advanced him some Six Hundred Dollars in provisions.

Some time during the fall Wm Jackson died, and Thos Polly being his principal creditor, has been legally qualified as Admr of his Est.

The negroes proceeded to gather the crop, and prepare the cotton for market, relying on the expressed terms of the contract to receive One half the crop, after the expenses enumerated in the contract had been deducted.

But the Commission Merchant now comes forward with his Mortgage and notifies the Admr that he will be held responsible, if he, the Admr allows anything to be removed by the ~~Negroes~~ Laborers until the Mortgage is satisfied. He claims everything raised on Jacksons premises as subject to that Mortgage.

The number of Bales made by Billy's Squad is Sixteen, besides Corn &c. The number made by another Squad (Authongs) is about the same, making (Say) 32 Bales the entire product of cotton on said Jacksons place. The fall in Cotton renders it impossible that this cotton should

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pay the Rent satisfy this Mortgage, and still
leave to the laborers their half interest in
everything made

Billy and his squad claim that they did not use any
of the provisions got under the Mortgage; They
claim that there was an agreement between them-
selves and Jackson to build 4 houses for which
they were to receive $55, and they claim that
if they were settled with according to the contract
that they would receive about Seven Bales
of cotton besides corn.

Jackson worked 2 sections or parcels of land, with
2 squads, one on each parcel. The one was bought from
Mr Polly some 2 years ago, but no payment has ever
been made. Mr Polly had his bond for titles drawn so
as to claim back rent, in case no payment was
made of the purchase money. The other parcel
was rented the year with the usual lien, from
Mr McCall for Six Bales. Mr Polly claims about
8 or 10 Bales. If this claim is good there remains
fifteen Bales say just one half the cotton
crop & in contest between the laborers and the
Mobile mortgagee.

Ned will also exhibit his contract. He furnished
between 3 and 4 hands who worked on with Anthonys
quad; i.e. on Pollys land. He is entitled to one half
but Polly claim to say nothing of the Mortgagee, covers
most of the cotton raised on that ground.

The year is about to close, and these
laborers cannot remove anything, not even
the corn set aside for them at the time of gath-
ering and their object is to see whether this
matter can be settled without waiting
for the spring Courts—

NARA 24

Tallapoosa County Ala
January 6th 1868

Bailey Asher et al

Statement in the case of
Wilson - in regard to
Soldiers room and Possession
of Mrs Lyon

NARA 25

Tallapoosa Jan 6th 1866

Mr General Swain

Sir I have this freedman Wilson in my employ & there is one Mr Leach in this section who has kept Wellson & children from him ever since the surrender - Wellson has brought them here Leach first - tried to get them by force that failed he made ~~an~~ affidavit before the justice of the peace look out a search warrant come & found in the freedmans possession an old gun & coverlet my opinion is that he is going to frustrate the peace me & family I knew this freedman years ago & always found him a truthful man

~~Yo~~

N B For information of my character I refer you to Mr T. F. Judge of Montgomery Ala

yours respectfully

John Mc Bailey

NARA 26

Macon Co. Tuskegee Ala
January 7th 1848

Martus J. J
Judge of Probate

States that he has defended Lathy
actions in the Case of Jack
Wimberly Col. until he
receives Genl Orders 1847—

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Tuskegee Ala
Jan 7th 1868

Jno. Hendrix Esq
Montgomery Ala

Dr Sir

Your communication in reference to the case of Jack Weinberg (Colored), addressed to C. A. Stanton the former Judge of Probate has been received and action deferred until I can get the Orders - Nos 12 & 14 mentioned by you I have never received them and write to request that you send them to me at your earliest convenience.

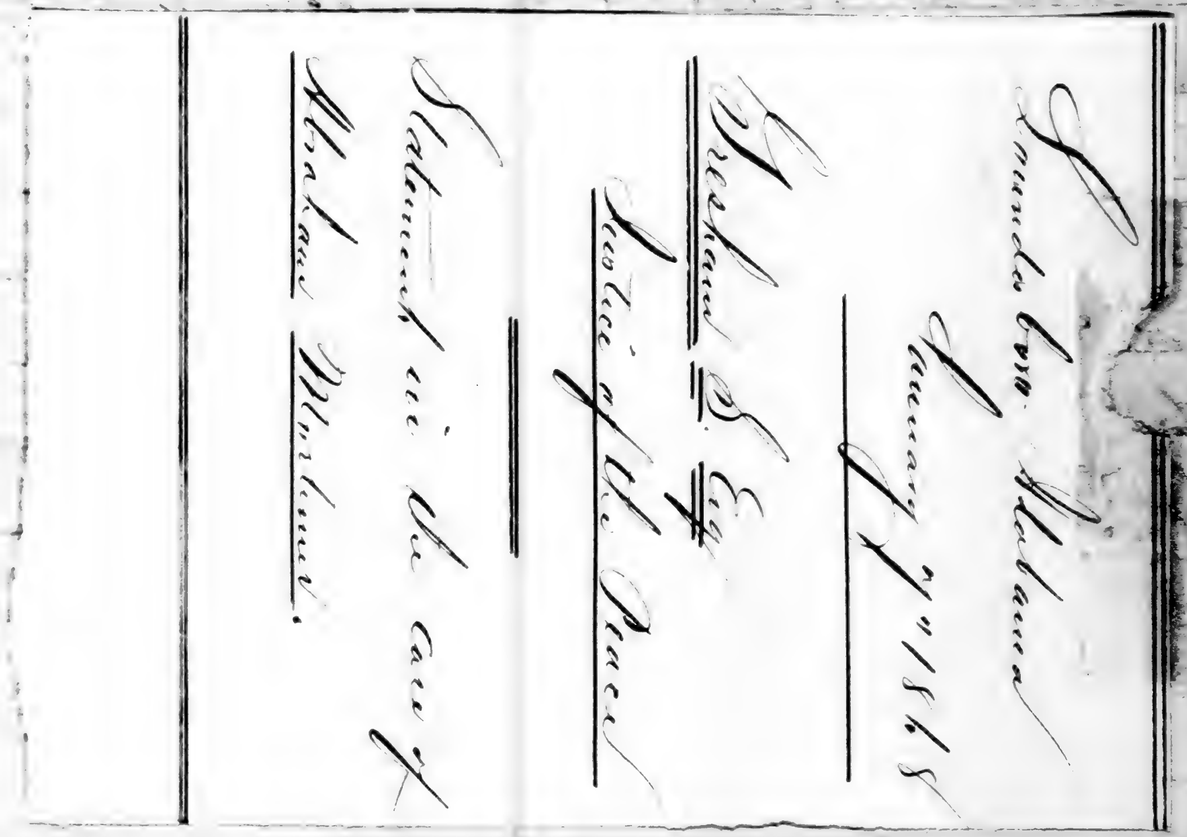
They have been published in the papers but have never been sent to me in form or if so never received and are not on file in office.

By sending them you will oblige

Yours respectfully

J. J. Martin
Judge of Probate for
Macon County

Harrison, I have no authority to compell employers
to make a statement to the freedmen, where the contract
is of this clas, That is, half Expense and half net proce.
and there seems to be the deffeculty, I cant Remedy it,
unlesh they make affedavit of indebtedmsh, Yours Respectfully
S Gresham J.D.


Commonwealth of Kentucky
County of Wayne
Sworn to and subscribed before me
Freedmen's Bureau Agent
Statement of the case
Wm Isaac Plaintiff.

NARA 29

Lowndesboro January 7th 1864

John C Hendrix
Actg Sub Asst Comsy.

The case of Abraham Mortimer Referred to me for investigation, I find was before the Bureau in the fall of 1865. and referred to R. W Russell justice of the Peace at Lowndesboro, Esqr Russell reports that the Plaintiff Compromised his claim for the horse for forty Dollars, but the Defdt has not paid the money, and is wholly insolvent. Abraham now claims the horse.
Under the Law of the State actions in detinue can only be maintained before Magistrate for fifty Dollars I referred Abraham to Hayneville, to higher authority.
To take the property in his possession. the law requires bond, Abraham refused or failed to give the bond, As the case Stands,

In the case of Mat Harrison. I offered to teach his Employer's Cook: if he would make affidavit that they were indebted to him, which the Law requires, He refuses. because he says he does not know whether they are indebted to him or not. as his Contract was for half the Net proceeds of the Crop,

Both above cases were before me. before they Applied to Bureau for Relief, I dont hesitate to Execute the Law or Military orders. when Applied to by any freedman.

Yours Respectfully

P.S. see over

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I would State, that there is much trouble with me in the Magestrates office. in the Clash of cases of Bast Assessor, I have no authority to Compell employers to Make a Statement to the freedmen, where the Contracts is of this Clash, That is, half Expense and half net proceed and there seems to be the deffeculty, I Cant Remedy it, unless they Make affedavit of indebtedness, Yours Respectfully

S Gresham J P

NARA 31

Franklin Montgomery

= 26. Ga

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R. F. Barlow. Shff. B. Co

To Franklin Montgomery Dr

To 13 days ~~fax~~ Guarding Spirits Turpentine & Rosin @ 1⅔ per day ... $26.00

Cr

By Cash ~~$26.00~~

Amt Due $26.00

Received Payment

Franklin Montgomery

By M M Durant

January 10th/18

NARA 33

Ala Ass Dept of Education
Office Supt of Education
Montgomery Ala Jan 9th 68

Buckley C H
Supt of Education

Referring the case of
Samuel Bruce —

Property of Virginia Department of Education

NARA 34

Head-Quarters, District of Alabama,

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION,
BUREAU R., F & A L.

Montgomery, Ala., Jan 9th 1867.

Capt Jno Hendricks
Sub Asst Comm:

Sir:

Will you please attend to the case of the bearer Samuel Price, who is in danger as he says, of being injuritty Treated

Respectfully
C. W. Buckley

NARA 33

Sandy Ridge & Sounds Co,

January 11th 1868

McQueen Jos L

Justice of the Peace

Statement only to file

& levy an attachment against

C McCollum Esqr &c &c

Wrapper

One Enclosure

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Sandy Ridge. Ala. Jan 12th 1868.

John C. Hendrix
act Com.

Dear Sir_ In compliance with your order of 9th inst. requiring to be informed why I did not execute & levy an attachment placed in my hands by A. J. Perry Esq against C. W. Cottingham, in favor of Terry Granville Cole, I beg leave to make the following statement. I went to Esq Perry's office, when he told me that there were several summons and some attachments to levy, but that I could do all the work during the day. I took some papers, which had to be served below the Village, with the understanding that I would levy the attachment on Sunday, which had to be levied in a different direction. When I returned Esq Perry told me that Terry Granville had gone to my house to wait for me, and would show me some Cotton to levy on. I went on home, but did not see the man_ and he having carried the attachment from the office, I kept waiting for him to come with the paper_ I never saw the paper until I saw it ~~enclosed~~ with your letter.

Esq Perry says he had not finished writing the attachment when I left to serve the ones below, and that he sent the paper by the plaintiff to execute the levy_

My information is that the plaintiff heard that the Cotton was being moved, and thought proper to go to the Bureau.

I did not refuse ~~to serve the~~ or fail to

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execute the papers, but did not receive it into my hands. I am trying to discharge my duty faithfully to the best of my ability. And have never failed to carry out any of the said orders named.

Most Respectfully
Your Obt Servt.

John S. McMillan.
Const.

P.S.
I will say further that on the next morning I went to the house of the Plaintiff (Henry Dorrice) and was informed that he had gone to Montgomery.

Yours &c
J S McMillan

NARA 38

Lr Recd Bureau R. F. & L.
Tyler Smith Co. Texas
January 12/1868

Montgomery. D.C.
Sub Asst Comdr Bt Col U.S.A.

Encloses answer to his letter
from Mr Hubbard in regard
to the money due Mathews
Ferguson. cold.

Recd Feby 16" 1868 OSAC

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Office Sub Asst Com B R F & A L.
Tyler Smith County Texas
January 12th 1868

Jno. C. Hendree
Sub. Asst. Com. B. R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery. Ala

Sir—

I enclose You herewith the response of Col. R. B. Hubbard to the application of Madison Ferguson Freedman for an advance of $30 00 on account; about which You wrote me on the 9th inst.

I have made no investigation of the case but am decidedly of the opinion that Col Hubbard makes a correct statement. On account of the failure in the Cotton crop, very few of the Freedmen in my Sub. District have made more then a living and a great many have fallen far short of that.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt servt
D. C. Montgomery
Brvt Lt Col U. S. Army
Sub Asst Com'r

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At Home
Sunday 8th 1868

Col D. L Montgomery

Sir: Your note, conveying the request of Matteson Ferguson - freedman that I should furnish him $30.00 is acknowledged - In reply I have to say that, Matteson Ferguson worked with me last year - & had in his Employment Eight or ten hands - all of whom I fed, and partly clothed - They failed in a crop almost Entirely - I allowed Matteson to hold & sell his Corn (which I could have prevented) but his Cotton about four bales, is all he has here & when sold, he will still be in my debt, for meat & bread & clothes furnished him - about $100.

We have already had a settlement in Writing & in presence of Witnesses.

So I cannot of course Comply with his request, for the reason stated.

I am Col

Very Truly Yours

Richd B Hubbard

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Pvt Co Aux Quartr of Ala BR Fld Q

Montgomery Ala. June 13th 68

Lieutenant Col O.D.

Asst Asst Genl

Forwards application of Lt. J. Andrews as Clerk in Bureau at $75.00 per month - date from Dec 15th 67.

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Head-Quarters, District of Alabama.

Bureau R., F. & A. L.

Montgomery, Ala., Jany 28th 1867.

Jno. W. E. Bending
Jr Asst Asst Commr
Montgomery Ala

Sir I have the honor to enclose herewith appointment of W J Anderson as Clerk at Seventy five Dollars ($75-) per Month to take effect from Dec 15th 1867. He will execute and forward to this office the enclosed oath.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
O. O. Knimman
Jr Asst Asst Commr

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January 13th 1868

McCall. J.S.

Statement in the Case of Dave Hallaway Indian

Dave Hallaway states that he is an Indian and resides at Deer Creek Reservation in Idaho Territory. That he is a Nez Perce Indian by birth and has resided on said Reservation for the last 8 years. That he was not present at the battle on Salmon River between the Nez Perce Indians and the troops under the command of Genl Howard, but was at his home on the Reservation. That he has not been engaged in any hostilities against the whites since the treaty of 1863 was made between the Nez Perce Indians and the United States Government. That he has not been engaged in any hostilities against the whites since the treaty of 1863 was made between the Nez Perce Indians and the United States Government.

Dave Hallaway

Witness

J. S. McCall

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Office Sub-Assistant Commissioner,
Bureau R., F. & A. L., Sub-District of Montgomery,

Montgomery, Ala., January 8th 1868

L. S. McCall Esq

Sir

You will please deliver to the Bearer David Holloway 44 Buckets of Corn the ballance due him by you, or show good cause immediately at this office why you fail to do so

A Strict compliance will prevent further action by the Military Authorities

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servant
Jno. C. Hendrick

Gentlemen

Yours letter being handed me this Morning & contents noticed all I at first took Colored I Can't say is that Myers Boucher & Clements & Mr Dyer were equally interested in the farm with Poe and they advanced dry goods to David Holloway & the amount of $85.00 and asked Poe to help his Corn for them is fifty nut

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of the same they were willing to give Dave a chance
to pay them but he ran off in the night without
making any arrangements with them so if this is not
satisfactory please notify Messrs Beecher & Clements at
Det Detroit no one has tried to swindle Dave

Jan 13th 1868

I am Sirs
Very Respectfully
J. S. McCall

P.S. David Hallaway did not draw but 40½ Bushels of
corn he told me he would give me a due bill for the
balance & I was willing to let him take it
as I pledge that he misrepresented the matter
I pledge that he misrepresented the matter

Respt.
J. S. McC

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P.O. Montgomery Co. Alabama

January 1868

Robertson W. G. Esq

Justice of the Peace

Statement of the case of Rhoda
C. P. M. Rae and Freedmen
Enclose copy of a contract
together with the written Appe-
llate Statute.

Walker & Enclosures

January 6th 1868

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Janry 14th 1867

The following Contract is this day entered into between R W & C P McRea as Employers and Liza Baker Ben Freedman Andy, Vitalet, Martha, Rose, Isham, Norman Freedmen as Laborers Said Freedmen are to make full hands for all work on the plantation to the first day of Janry 1868 A quantity of Land will be allotted to Liza & the hands with hire on which to make a crop and Stock sufficient to work it-with the necessary Gear and implements will be furnished by the Employers Said Freedmen agree to Give two hundred and fifty (250) pounds of Seed cotton per acre on all the Land planted in Cotton and one half of all the Corn and fodder Made — Said Freedmen are to bear the Expense of finding themselves and the tools used by them in cultivating the Crop They are to clothe themselves and pay their doctor bill Laborers will be required to give strict attention to Stock at all times, any unnecessary abuse of Stock will not be allowed All lost time will be charged for at the rate of one dollar a day for Continual dissobedience of orders unfaithful or careless performance of work or leaving the place before Expiration of time of service without the Consent of Employers Laborers may be discharged without Compensation for work done, Provisions will be furnished by the Employers at Market prices

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which sums are to be paid from the proceeds of the Cotton crop of 1867 made and the peace thereof

Legend
Lt A. Malay
C. McRee

Lieut Bascom
Lieut Woodbury
Lieut Boynton
Lieut Haines

Copy

Dec 24th 1867

I certify that the above is a true copy of contract now in the hands of the Laborers mentioned thereon

Jno C Strudwick
Intn Asst Qm

Wordging a/c
Dec 24th 1867.

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Caleb McRee
vs
Ben Taylor
Peter Jones
Anthoney Wilkens

The Plaintiff Claims of the Defendants a Settlement upon a Contract for Labor for the year 1867 as Employer and Laborers

Ben Taylor in Acct with C P McRee for 1867

For One Sixth part of Rent for 70 acres Land at 250 lbs of Seed Cotton pr acre making 17500 lbs Commuted at 1600 lbs to make a 500 lbs Bale of Lint making 5468 lbs in all 911 lbs at 8c Ben portion $ 72.88

For One Fourth of Corn fed 3 mules 7 months 126 Bushels 31½ bushels Ben portion at $1.75c pr bushel $ 55.13

For One Fourth fodder fed 3 mules 7 month 3728 lbs 932 lbs Ben Portion at $1.75c pr Hundred lbs $ 16.31

For Amount of Supplies furnished by McRee $ 81.51

" " " " " Marth Ben's Daughter $ 11.50

For One Sixth amt of Rope 12½c for 6 Bales Cotton and " " " " Bagging " " " " $ 2.65

$ 239.98

Credit By

For One Sixth 11 Bales Cotton 5461 lbs less 198 lbs Rope & Bagging leaving 5263 lbs nett Ben Portion 877 lbs 8c $ 70.16

For One Sixth Proceeds of 5 Bales Cotton 2695 lbs at 11½c making $309.92c One Bale 550 lbs at 8c making $44.00 in all $353.92c (Bens Portion) 58 98

Ben Taylor's Acct Continued Amt Brot Over $ 129 14

For One Sixth) 2200 lbs fodder Ben's Portion 367 lbs/100 $ 3 67

" " " 266 Bushels Corn " " 44 2/3 Bush $ 44 83

" 6 McRees Share of Marthas wages for 8 month at 5 Dollars per month McRees Share 2/3 $ 1 600

" 2 months Labor for Bens wife $10 per month McRees Share 1/3 ~~$ 6 65~~ $ 6 65

80

Ballance Bens wife from McRee on Settlement $ 20 059

Ballance in McRees favor $ 39 98

Peter Jones in Acct with 6 P McRee for the year 1867

For One Sixth) Rent of 70 acres of Land at 250 lbs Seed Cotton for acre 17500 lbs Commuted at 1600 lbs Seed Cotton for 800 lbs Lint in all 5468 lbs 9 11 lbs Peters Portion at 8c $ 72 88

" One Fourth) Corn fed 3 mules 7 months 126 B Peters Portion 31½ Bushels at $1 75c per Bush $ 55 13

" One Fourth) Fodder fed 3 mules 7 months 3728 lbs, Peters Portion 932 lbs $1 75 per Hundred lbs $ 16 31

" Amt of Supplies furnished by McRee $ 69 47

" One Sixth) Amt of Bagging & Rope for 6 Bales Cotton Peters Portion $ 2 65

$ 216 44

Credit By

For One Sixth) 11 Bales Cotton 5461 lbs less 198 lbs Bagging and Rope Leaving nett 5263 lbs Peters Portion 877 lbs 8c $ 70 16

" One Sixth) Proceeds of 5 Bales of Cotton 2695 lbs 11½c and One Bale 580 lbs 8c in all 3539 lbs Peters Share $ 58 98

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Peter Jones Amt of Credit Brot over $129 14
One Sixth) of 2200 lbs fodder at $100 pr Hundred 3 67
" " " 266 Bushels Corn at 100 pr bush 44 33
177 14

Ballance in McRees favor $29 30

1867 Anthoney Wilkins in acct with E & J McRee
For One Third) Rent of 70 acres of Land for 250 lbs Lint
per acre Making 17500 lbs Commuted at 16 lbs for a
500 Bale " 5468 Anthony Share 1822 2/3 lbs $145 76
" One Half) of Corn fed 3 mules 7 months 1263
Making 63 bushels at $175c 110 26
" One Half) of Fodder 3 Mules for 7 months 3728 lbs
Anthony Share 1864 at $175c 32 62
" Amt of Cribbles furnish by McRee 90 87
One Third) Weight of ~~Cost~~ of Bagging & Rope
for the Tenth Cotton 5 30
3848 1

Credit By
One Third) weights 11 Bales of Cotton 5468 lbs less
198 lbs for Rope & Bagging Making 5263 lbs Nett
Anthoneys Share 1754 lbs at 8c $ 140 32
One Third) Proceeds of 5 Bales Cotton 2695 lbs
at 11½c ~~Anthonys Share~~ and One Bale at 550 lbs
at 8c Anthonys Share $ 117 96
One Third) 220 lbs Fodder his Share 734 100 lbs 7 34
" " 266 Bushels Corn his Share 88⅔ Bush $1 00 88 67
$ 354 29

Ballance in McRees favor $ 30 52

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In the Squad there is Six Shares
Caleb McRee has 2 Shares Bought out Lige Baker
Anthoney Wilkins 2 "
Peter Jones 1 "
Ben Taylor 1 "

all of the fogoing is Very respectfully
Submitted for your Consideration
and actions

I am Sir Very respectfully
your obt Servt
W G Robertson L P

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Montgomery to Dec 14th 48

Neville Sam H
Justice of the Peace

Stating that he is one of
Paul Revere & one his juris.
declines &c

Allen has had both
of the Courts Cum
Comy Resp[ectfully]
& H[enry] Dearborn

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Office Sub-Assistant Commissioner,
Bureau R., F. & A. L., Sub-District of Montgomery,

Montgomery, Ala., January 14th 1868

J. H. Mettes Esqr.
Justice of the Peace

Sir

The case of the brave Paul Rivers (Colrd) is respectfully referred to you for action under Genl Orders No 138 / 14. Head Qrs Dist of Ala.

You will please report in writing your action as soon as practicable

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servant
Jas. C. Standing
Sub Asst Comr.

John C Hundley Dud Ca
Dear Sir

Pauls case does not come under my Jurisdiction he says his claim is over one hundred dollars he had better go to the Clerk of the Circuit Court

Very Respectfully
J H Noble

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Hd Qrs Dist of Ala BR MAL
Office A.C.S. Bureau
Montgomery Ala Jan 15th 66

Arthur Col WRC
A.C.S.

Permits to be furnished with a Report of Corn & Bacon, Bureau of Relief, on hand in Sub District of Montgomery

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Headquarters Dist of Alabama
Office A. C. S. Bureau.
Montgomery Ala Jan 15. 1868.

J. C. Hendrick
Sub Asst Com'r
Montgomery Ala.

Sir:

Please furnish this Office as soon as possible a report of Corn and Bacon, (Bureau and Relief) on hand in your Sub Dist.

By order of
Bvt Brig Gen J. F. Hayden
A. C. S. Bureau.

MMRH 38

Montgomery County
Dated 16-68

Richard Green &
Justice of the Peace

Statement in the case
of Hardy Wilkins
v Freedmen

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January the 16th 1868

Mr Hendrix

Agt of Freedmans Bureau

Dear Sir

Mr Hardy Wilkins has had the Corn in dispute between himself and the labourers, attached allready. And the case is now before Justice Shields of his Beat at athens, and comes up for trial before him on the 25th of this month. which action supercedes my Authority in the case

Most respectfully

G. H. Cockran

Justice of the Peace

Fork Deboxit Lowndes Co. al.

January 17th 1868

Blake Thos

Magistrate

Make statement in the case of Chancd McCall and his Enblamer- he is in debt to his Enblamer $85.00

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Fort Leperit Jany 31/68

John C Hendricks

I Received your communication on the 30th Inst and contents noticed. I have this case up before me at Fort Leperit and I find after a carefull investigation that Chance McCabb is indebted to his employer about Eighty five dollars for Expences during the year 1867 as he went to find himself and family and pay his part of the Expences of making the crop as his contract will show. his Employer after the settlement proposed to give him Twenty five Bushells of corn and Forty Bushell of sweet potatoes; but he refuses to take them and left in a bad humor.

I am
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Sr
J Blake

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Montgomery Co Ala
Beat No 11 Jan 18/62

Clark H N. Esq
Justice of the Peace

Statement in the case of
Joan Downing vs F. M.
Barnett. and before him

Drakker
vs (11 Ends)

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Saml Downing
vs
F M Barnett

In Justice Court for Beat 11
Montgomery County.
Action by Attachment
under General Order No 13
Issued for the District of Alabama Nov 7 1867

January 11 1868_ Attachment issued upon claim and affidavit of Plaintiff that Deft was indebted to him about one hundred Dollars, as balance of his interest in Crops of 1867, and on 13 Jany levied upon One hundred bushels Corn_

January 18 1868_ being the day set for return of the Attachment and trial of the Cause the Parties being present and the Plff represented by Counsil The following detailed Statement and decisions will answer your enquiries as I understand them.

The Deft filed an account in detail showing the State of his account with the Plff.

Viz, Debiting Plff Saml Downing
for Provisions, Some Cash and sundry other items arising in the Course of their business during the year 1867_ in the aggregate amounting to 171.88

And on 4 of Dec 1867 To Cash 50.00
Making a total of 221.88

It appeared from the Contract, (as to the Terms of which there was

no Variance or disagreement between the Parties), that the Defft Barnett was to furnish land Mules and implements for farming and feed the Mules, & that the Plff Adam Downing was to receive one half of the results of his labor as compensation for same, and out of which interest in the Crop he was to pay Defft for all advances of provisions or otherwise, and for which he had executed a Mortgage to Defft.

It appeared that it was further agreed that Plff should be charged with and pay for loss time of himself or Wife or other laborer which made loss Time exceed one or two days at any one time—

The Defft has examined in detail on every item in this account and testified to the correctness of the same in detail and in the aggregate—and which proff was not controverted by the Plff oath (of which he had an opportunity) or otherwise—except as to the justice of making certain charges in a/c viz:

1½ days moving Plff to Defft farm	5.00
loss time of Plff wife from Prostration sickness 34 days	17.00
July loss time & legislating 1 day	1.00
Oct " " " Vote 1½ "	1.50
Use of Cart hauling Cotton to Montgomery	2.50
This amount guaranteed to Mrs Graves for Note	1.50
Total Amount of Defts account which was defended by Plff	39.50

The Court heard all the testimony offered in reference to these several Items in Defts account

The first for 5 days 1/2 days moving Pltf by Defts was allowed

The second of 17 cts for loss of Pltf's rifle was not allowed although admitted by the Pltf that Jude was the agreement, but the Defts not making it appear that he was damaged in consequence of Jude loss of time from the farm, and his account showing that he had hired labor at the increase of twenty and Pltf at various times during the year it was deemed proper to disallow this item in his account. The 3 & 4 Items for loss time Registering & voting was also disallowed—

The fifth Item of Hauling to Montgomery was disallowed because the Court held that Pltf was entitled to use of Cars to Market his Cotton and the 6th Item of Guarantee to W D Graves was taken out of the account for the reason that the Pltf had (though prior Commencement of this suit) paid to Mr Graves and Paid it.

From this statement you will perceive that the Pltf Isaac Downing was sustained in each Item of Defts account which was contested, but one and with the following result

Over

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Adam Downing
in a/c with
F. M. Barnett

Sundries as per account rendered the Court $29.80

Contra Cr

Amount disallowed by the Court 34.80

By his interest in Cotton crop as per accounts of Dale 132.58

By 50 Bls Corn 50.00 276.08

13.72

Balance due Sept 13.72

for which & cost judgment was rendered against Def—

Fort Leavenworth
Feby 10 1868

Lt. Col. Hendrix
Asst Adjt Genl
Mo. Dept

Dear Sir I transmit the foregoing in answer to your enquiries under date 4th inst—

Hoping that the same are as full as desired, I am dear Sir, your Respectfully

D. H. Melack A.A.G.
for Bvt. Maj. Gen.

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Samuel Lee Adm
January 1868

Ireland S
Magistrate

Statement of the case of
Mey White - v Lewis
White Colo

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State of Alabama Lowndes County

J. A. White leased to Lewis White Col. a farm for the year 1867. for so many bales of Cotton, and to pay for Supplies furnished him (Lewis) to make a Crop by Said White. To secure payment for rent and Supplies J. A. White Sued out an attachment against the Estate or crops of Said Lewis. and levied the attachment on all produce or crops on the place leased as above,

The bearer of this. Martha is the wife of Lewis the lessee. and claims Some three Bags of Cotton as her own property, made by her own labor and not Subject to the debts of her husband. And affirms that White the lessor gave her land to cultivate free of charge. on the Same place leased, to her husband, Lewis,

White the lessor denies this, and Says he leased the whole place to Lewis and others, and that her furnished Supplies for her husband and family, to be paid out of the Crops

The amount involved being larger than the jurisdiction of a Magistrate, I have had no legal trial of the case and will have to send it to a higher Court, if not Settled otherwise, The Cotton is held under Whites attachment for Lewis' debt

S. Gresham J. P.

Capt Jno C Hendrix
Montgomery
Ala

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Head Quarters Dist of Ala
January 21st 1868

Sheridan Maj Gen
Sub Asst Comm

Directs that monthly Rpts
be forwarded - the same
having not been received
yet.

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Head-Quarters, District of Alabama.
Bureau R., F. & A. L.

Montgomery, Ala., Jany 21st 1866.

Jut Asst. Commr. B.R.F. & A.L.
Montgomery Ala

Sir

Your Monthly Reports for December 1865 have not been received at this office. You will please forward them without delay.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Lewis Dunlevy
Capt 15 Infty Bvt Maj U.S.A.
A.A.A.G.

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Rec'd Jan 26/67
from Chr. Todd
See his letter of Jan 23.

Rev. James McCoy was the seventh
Son and tenth child of Alexander
and Nancy Campbell McCoy. His father
Alexander McCoy was a native of Angus-
shire Scotland; His mother Nancy C.
McCoy was a native of Argyle.
He was born on the 30th day of Septembr
A.D. 1802., on Wilmots branch of Hin-
kson Creek, in Bourbon Co. Kentucky,
about two and a half miles from the Village
of Millersburg. He was about six years
old when his father died.
The Chances for Education in Kentucky
at that early date were confined entirely
to subscription schools taught (3)
three months of the year, during the winter
month. His mothers limited means pre-
vented her from availing herself of even such
scant means of instruction for her younger
children. James was taught in the rudi-
ments of a common Education at the
fireside at home by his elder brother Argyle,
who in his father's lifetime had had the limited
advantages of the subscription schools.
In 1820. at the age of 18, with his younger
brother Campbell, he left Ky., on account
of slavery, and came to Indiana, making the
journey on foot from Taylors Creek in Nich-

olas Co., Ky., to the pioneer homes of their brother
William on Lost River in Orange Co., Indiana.
Here James availed himself of the advantage
of instructions offered in the Latin School of Rev.
Wm. H. Martin, at Livonia. His eagerness to im-
prove and aptness as a student won the high esteem
of Father Martin. He sustained himself while
at school by engaging at school each alternate
term and teaching ~~alternating~~ and thus
procured the means for the prosecution of his
literary work to which he was called in his
Master's vineyard in subsequent life.

On the 24th day of August 1825 he was mar-
ried to Margaret J. ch. d. Phinney, daughter
of Alex. McPhinney, Sr., an elder in the
Presbyterian Church at Livonia. Four sons
and one daughter were born to them, the second
child Samuel died in infancy. The two elder
sons James and William are physicians by
profession; the fourth, Theodore is a lawyer.
Mary is with her brother and mother.

He removed from Livonia to Angola Steuben
Co. Ind., in the spring of 1831; and was employed
in teaching school and studying theology under
care of Presbytery until he was ready to enter the
ministry. He made a public profession
of religion in the Land Creek Church at Livo-

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two in the Summer of 1831. He never was able to note any especial change in his feelings by which to might date the time of his Conversion. He was thus late in making his public profession and in uniting with the Church because he was waiting for some visible or perceptible Change. In 1834-35, the Sand Creek Church was divided on the subject of Slavery in the Church. In this Controversy the Anti-slavery portion of the Church declared themselves Christians & formed [illegible] fell the brunt of the opposition and often [illegible] Rev. Greaves, Elder Jack & Stephen Anderson [illegible] Pro-slavery Element. The Anti-slavery portion going out from these Communions organized a Congregational Church. The famous Sand Creek Anti-Slavery Church. At the Division of the Presbyterian Church in 838 this Church united with the O.S. Organization. But later when this body decided & the encroachments of the slave power and began to [illegible] "the sum of all villanies" this Church declared its Connection with the O. S. and united with the "The Presbyterian Church of America." James McCoy during the year of teaching in Decatur Co., was preparing for the gospel ministry and at a session of Crawfordsville (?) Presbytery N. S.

held at Bainbridge in 1839. he was licensed to preach.

He was called to the little Church at Mt. Zion three miles from New Albany, where he remained two years. He spent the last winter in New Albany, and in the following Spring went to Logansport. And supplied two small Churches with the ministry of that place. Here sickness in little more than one year so completely prostrated him and the health of his family that he was compelled to leave. This being the County seat and the principal town. Sickness has accumulated debts and he saw no other way than that he should be compelled to sell his home in Orange Co. Thus he was reduced to a state of poverty. A power which Christ had not promised him from that time until he was called to the rest prepared for the people of God.

He was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel while at Logansport in 1839.

From Logansport attended annual Session of Ind. Conference, then at Indianapolis he was sent to the Eagle Creek and South Marion Churches in Marion Co. He was next called to the Church at Franklin. In 1849 he was called to Mt. Vernon Church in Clark Co. He labored with this Church until 1852. In this year he became agent for Ind.

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of the ext. R. P. & B. Society (Anti-Slavery,) and in the fall of that year went to Lake ms to give his children the advantage of the high schools of that place. Here he remained until the Summer of 1856 when he accepted a call to preach for the Presbyterian Churches at Stockville and Stony Creek and the Congregational Church at Westfield in Hamilton Co.

His Anti-slavery principles had rendered him unpopular in the Presbyterian Churches and Presbyteries with which he had been connected. When leaving Salem he had taken from Salem Presbytery a letter to the Congregational Association of the Miami Valley, but had determined to unite with the Indianapolis Presbytery when the first Assembling of the Association. He was cordially received by the members of Presbytery at its Meeting at Greenwood that he returned to his former intentions and united with the Congregational Association, and was connected with it until his death. His Connection with the Churches in Hamilton County Ended in 1858, and his opening appearing he was again compelled to return to teaching, but during the time he was thus Employed he was Engaged in Ministerial work in Remote Localities whenever opportunity always eagerly sought & read. In the Summer of 1859 he again undertook to

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the agency for the A.R.T. & B. Society, and in the fall removed to Indianapolis. His labor as agent for this Society closed with the breaking out of the Rebellion. No way was opened for him to labor in the vineyard as minister until Oct. 1864. when he was employed by the U. S. Christian Commission, and in their employ labored among the soldiers in the Camps at Indianapolis. Especially at Camp Carrington. In his Memorandum, kept during these days, shows with what earnestness and fervent zeal he labored in this last work given to his hands to do, by his beloved Master. The day which shall reveal all things, will alone make known how largely he was instrumental in preparing the way for the coming of the Lord, in the great Revival with Camps a few weeks subsequent to his death.

Overwork and exposure to inclement weather brought on him a very severe attack of Cerebro Spinal Meningitis. After two days of intense suffering, his life went out on Monday February 6th 1865, in his 63rd year. His body lies in Belmont Hill Cemetery at Jeffersonville, Ind., where his Widow his daughter and two of his sons reside.

As a preacher he was earnest and powerful, as a man sternly upright and just, a pioneer in every great moral Reform, walking almost alone a great way through life, scattering good seed, and guarding well the field that he might reap bountifully in the harvest of Eternity.

As a husband and parent he was kind and affectionate, governing his children mildly yet firmly.

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Obituary.

Rev. Jas. McCoy

18

Jan. 1868

Uniontown Perry Co. Ala
January 27th 1868

McCall Hon D.A
Judge of Probate

Statement in regards to
G. McNair & Mrs G. H.
Germany indebtedness
to Chas Brannon. Enclose
statement from Mr J.
South D.P. before whom
the case is to come up

One (1) Enclosure

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Union Springs Ala 27 July 1868

Lieut John Hendrix.

Asst. Supt Bureau R & A L.

Sir

Yours of 25th inst by Charles Swanson received this morning, and Complaint against J. McClain entered on B. H. Smith J.C. who immediately issued Attachment as per J.D. 13 & 14

I also saw J.C. Germany and he and Charles agreed to make a settlement before Justice Smith on Thursday next. he admitted some indebtedness but says he is unable to pay at present (and I learn from others that this is true and that his property was all sold last year under legal process) but promised to settle and pay as soon as he was able - I think it would be useless to proceed against him in the Courts

I also received under a note from Justice Smith of a Cause referred to me sometime since and on me to rendered

I am Respectfully your Obt Servt

R. R. Wallace Asst Supt Bureau

Respectfully forwarded
to Hd Qrs Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Montgomery Ala
27 June 1868
Lt Wilcox
Asst Prof Robts

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Union Springs Ala
January 22. 1868.

Gen. Grum

Sir. I have the honor to report to you the proceedings in a case referred to Judge D. A. McCall of Andrew Clark vs W. A. Allison for wages of the first half of last year, which Judge McCall handed me for adjudication. The cause was tried at our last Court. The result was that Mr Allison obtained a judgment against Clark for some ten or twelve dollars. for supplies furnished the Plaintiff and his family during his stay with Allison mainly all of which Clark admitted as just and all of which was proved by the Defendant. in accordance with the laws of this State

Very respectfully & am
Your Obt. & humble Servant
A. A. Smith
Justice of the Peace

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(Wrapper)

Selukatchie Lowndes Co., Ala

January 27th 1868

Drayton, Jas A.

Makes a statement in regards
Edward Grenfold and himself
Encloses said Grens A.C.

Ins (2) Enclosures

Answer to Bill
Hendrix, Jr.
vs
Hendrix, Sr.

Jno. C Hendrix.
Sheriff & Ex Officio Coll:
Sir: I have this day forwarded
a copy of the within to Col Broughton.
Yours &c.
Jas W. Graham,
Judge of Probate.

Mayneville, Ala
Janu 27, 1868.

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Office Sub-Assistant Commissioner,
Bureau R., F. & A. L., Sub-District of Montgomery.

Montgomery, Ala. January 25 1868

Jas. A. Broughton Esq
Lowndes Co—

Sir.

You will please call at this office on Tuesday January 28 1868. prepared to make a settlement with Edward Green (Cold).

A prompt compliance will prevent any further action by the Military Authorities

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Jno. C. Strudwick
Supt Asst Comm

Transmitted
Jas H. Graham
Judge of Probate Lowndes Co Ala

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Jud. C Hendrix.

Jack-Asst Comy:

Sir: I have this day forwarded a copy of this written to Col Broughton.

Mayneville, Ala
Jany 27, 1868.

Very Respy yours.
Jas W. Graham,
Jud 3d Probate.

Near Fletcher ala
January the 27th 1868

Mr John C Hendrix

Agent Bureau &c. Dear Sir, I received late this evening a copy of Notice, through Judge Graham directed to James A. Broughton. I suppose it is intended for me to be at your office on tomorrow to make a settlement with one Edward Green (Col, which is a man I have had employed for one month at (18) Eighteen dollars and then by the Job to cut Poles for 2 cabins which we agreed on the price at (20) Twenty dollars he to find himself, a few days ago we had our settlement and all satisfactory as I thought a statement of which I enclose and stand ready to swear to its correctness, as the weather is very bad and I am getting along in years and not well, I have taken the liberty to write you in regard to it and hope it will save me the trouble and expense of going to your office, if however when I get through with my statement is not satisfactory drop me a line to Fletcher giving me a day time will come up, I will pay Stab in Justice to Judge Graham that he sent me the notice by a neighbor on Saturday last owning his plantation and not sent me the notice till late this evening, This man Edward about the 20th of Jan-67 came & joined in a squad (Called Jeffs squad) on my plantation to make a crop the said squad to receive a half of all made after Expenses was paid, to be divided Equally between each laborer, The first part of the Bill of clothing say in May he got the 25th and on the 27th he Killed and was about to appropriate to his use a neighbors hog (of the Boss Jeffs, Colored) came and reported it to me Edward going it out and left early the next morning and I never saw

never saw Caesara again till about the 1st of October thereafter & then I sent him word that he need not be afraid of me, that if the owner of the Aff
~~died~~ not prosecute him I should not & that I thought he would not be troubled, The reason I did so he had and still has a Concabine ~~on~~ thereon my place & I frequently hear of his dodging around the premises which is about one mile from where I stay. The Conditions of the Contract made with Jeffs squad was that if either left the farm before the Crop was made & Gathered their share was forfeited and equal to the benefit of the other laborers, hence his interest went to the others, they in their settlement paid for his subsistance during his stay on the place, but not his clothing bill, and that was the sole reason I gave him the work & price that I did, and to which he agreed to, This is all provable by his own Color and I can show the Contract and will be qualified though he was present when I settled with his Concabine and never said one word to me yea nor Nay about it, His Concabine (Hester is her name) fell in my Debt $81.67 cts and I will be glad you would ask him to ~~[illegible]~~ gets Hesters settlement and show it to you - She has it & I told her to carry it to the bureau & let them see it - if she was not satisfied - & this does not include 1.80 Bush of Corn ~~[illegible]~~ sent & not brought in the settlement The fact is they would not work - But all wants me to let them stay on the same place this year which I declined, knowing they would not work & the B of C could not get them to do it, Yet he is a good man & I still have him, I hope this will save me the trouble of going to Montgomery, I refer you to Gov Watts for my Reputation as a man of truth &c

Very Respectfully John A Broughton

Montgomery Ala
January 28th 1868

Fuller Jno. L
Magistrate

State Clerk to send
bring action against Bill
Calloway for a settlement
with his hands.

Rec'd Jan 29th 1868

Capt. C. Pickens.
Montgomery

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Capt Jno. C. Hendrix

Dr Sir,

In hand,

Have advised the parties to give notice to Bob Hallaway and make explicit demand for their respective shares of the crop - after deducting expenses - If demand denied Shall bring action at Law for their shares and force Bob Hallaway into a settlement ~

Very respectfully
Yr obt Svt.
J. B. Fuller

NARA 90

Head Quarters Dist of Ala
Montgomery Ala June 28th 68

Sheridan Bvt Maj Gen
Capt B Duffy A A A G Bureau

In relation to establishing Soup Houses in Montgomery Ala & other places where the issue of suitable provisions be made to Benevolent Societys as far as practicable

NARA 91

Headquarters District of Alabama,
BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala. January 28th 1868.

Maj John C. Hendrick
Sub Asst Commissioner
Montgomery Ala.

Sir

Orders having been given by the Commissary Department of the Army upon the Asst Commissaries in this State to supply certain articles of food suitable for use in Soup Houses upon Requisitions or Returns properly approved, I am therefore directed by the Asst Commissioner to say that arrangements will be made for the establishment of Soup Houses at Mobile, Selma, Demopolis, Huntsville and Montgomery. — The needed Boilers &c will be supplied for this purpose.

It is the desire of the Asst Comm'r to place this issue as far as practicable in charge of benevolent Societies

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believing that by their efforts the greatest good may be obtained.

To secure this object you are desired to communicate with the Societies of your City, soliciting their hearty co-operation as a charity to the poor and needy.

You will communicate with this Office upon this subject

Very Respectfully
Your Ob't Servant.
Lud Rowley
Capt 15th Infy. Bvt. Maj. U.S.A.
A.A. Agt.

NARA 93

Office Sub Asst Comrs
Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Montgomery Jan 28. 1868.

Hendrick Jno C.
Sub Asst Comr's

Asks information as to which of two liens, - one in favor of laborers and the other of landlord - have preference. Also asks if Sheriff can be indemnified for selling crop for benefit of laborers, on which landlord had an attachment

Ex and Rec'd 29 Jan A 1868
Hd Qrs Dist of Ala
Montgomery Jany 29. 68

Respectfully returned to Jno. C. Hendrick Sub Asst Comm'r Montgomery Ala.

Information will be given the law created by G.O. 13 Hd Qrs Dist of Ala. Series 1867. as complained with G.O. No 6 current series Hd Qrs. 3d Mil. Dist. and if required Sold under attachment must be released and made. The order indemnifies all civil officers for such actions

By order of
Bvt Brig Genl J. Swayne

Capt. 15 Inf'y, A.A.A.G.
H 205

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Office Sub-Assistant Commissioner,
Bureau R., F. & A. L., Sub-District of Montgomery,

Montgomery, Ala., January 28th 1868

Bvt Maj. George Sharkley
A.A.A.G. Bureau

Major.

I have the honor to request information in the following case.

Should an attachment be levied on the crop of a Planter in favor of Laborers- as per Genrl Orders No. 13 114 Hd Qrs Dist of Alabama, and for an attachment to be levied subsequently on the same crops in favor of the Landlord; which of the two "liens" have preference -if either- under Genl Order No 6 Hd Qrs Third Military District?

Can a Sheriff or other civil Officer be indemnified for selling in the above case- for the benefit of the Laborers- while the Landlord has an attachment on the same crop?

I am Major
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servant
Jno. C. Kendrick
Sub Asst Commissioner

NARA 95

Montgomery Alabama
January 31st 1848

Fuller Jno B
Magistrate

State that he has brought
suit in the sum of $100.00 in
favor of Jesse Bland colld
on addelmin to a warrant
for the arrest of Barton
Stone for assault & battery.

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Montgomery Ala
Jany 21st 1865

Capt Jno C Hendrix
Pub Asst Com

I have brought
suit for the man Jesse Stone under
Genl order No 13 - for sum of $100.00
And in addition to the suit, have
issued a Warrant for the arrest
of Barton Stone for the charge
of assaulting & beating the
said Jesse with a Stick -

Very Respectfully
Your Ob Servt
Jno B Queen Jr

NHKH 37

Head Qrs Dept of Ala
Forward R Fr A L
Montgomery Ala Jan 31st 65

Stoneman Pet Maj Gen
Capt 15th Infty & A A A Genl

Desires to know the number
of persons in this city who
will need assistance from
the Govt Stores that is
ordered to be established

NARA 98

Headquarters District of Alabama,

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala., January 31st 1868.

Mr John C. Hendrix,
Sub Asst Commissioner
Montgomery Ala

Sir:

You will please ascertain and report to this Office the probable number of persons in your city who will need assistance from the Soup Houses ordered to be established.

By order of
Bvt Brig Genl J. Hayden.
Lt Lloyd Lee
Capt 13th Inf'y. Bvt Maj USA
A A Adjt

NARA 99

1867	Edwara (At Jeffs) To J A Broughton Dr		$ cts
May 18	To 1 Plug of Tobacco		.45
" 25	To 2 Pair of Pants Each 20		4.00
" "	To 1 Hat		1.50
" "	To 2 Shirts 125 cts Each		2.50
" "	To 1 Pair of Shoes		2.50
" "	To 1 Coat		2.50
" "	To 1 Home made Homespun shirt		1.25
" "	To 3 Plugs of Tobacco 45 c Each		1.35
Oct 6	To 6 lbs Clear Bacon Sides at 22½ ct pr lb		1.35
" 16	To 1 Plug of Tobacco		.45
" 25	To 4½ lbs Clear Bacon Sides 22½		1.02
" "	To 1 Plug of Tobacco		.45
" 26	To 9 lbs of Beef Hine quarter 8 c plb		.72
Nov 6	To 2 " Clear Bacon Sides		.45
" 15	To 1 Plug of Tobacco		.45
" "	To 1 Bush of Meal (his own Report)		1.25
	Cr By Settlement for 1 months	$22.19	
	Work to the 14th day of November inclusive	18.00	
		$4.19	
Nov 20	To 10½ lbs of Clear Bacon Sides 22½ c pr lb 2.37		
" 24	To Cash 5.00	7.37	
" 27	To 2 Plugs of Tobacco 45 ct. Each		.90
" 28	To 2 Balls of Thread 15 c " per Trunk		.30
Dec 3	To 1 Sheep (for Mutton)		3.00
" 14	To 3 yards of Cotton Osnaburgs 30		.90
" 19	To 4 lbs Clear Bacon Sides 22½ c		.90
1868 Jan 7	To 5 " of Pork 12½ c		.63
	To 1½ Bushels of Meal to use during Nov & Dec & Jan — Say from Nov 14 To Jan 7th inclusive	1.88	
	Paid His Pole Tax State & County	3.30	
	Cr	$2 3.37	
By Cutting, Skining, & Hauling Pine Poles.			
	for 2 Cabbins (as per Contract)	20.00	
	Ballance yet due Mr Jim Edward	$3.37	

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State of Alabama R R Fo A L
Office Asst Commissioner
Montgomery Ala Feb 3" 18

Shockley Maj Gen
Capt 15" Indy B. Mad Vols A.A.G.

Sir I that Miss C Thornton living
2½ Miles from the City complains
that one Washington Holmes Cold
refuses to leave her place when ordered
to do so by her. Directs that her
statement be examined and if correct.
to see that said Holmes leaves
the place at once

February —

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State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

OFFICE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,

Montgomery, Ala., February 13th 1868.

Mr Jno C. Hendrick
Sub Asst Commr
Montgomery Ala.

Sir:

Miss Charlotte Thompson, living about 4 1/2 miles from the city on the Washington road complains to the Asst Commissioner that a Freedman named Washington Holmes refuses to leave her place or premises when ordered to do so by her, - She states that he has done no work since Christmas and refuses to work or leave the place.

You will investigate this matter and if the statements made are correct you will see that the Freedman Holmes shall leave the place at once.

By order of
Bvt Brig Genl C. Hayden.
[signature]
Capt 15th Infy. Bvt Maj USA
a.a.a.g.

NHKH 1812

Montgomery Alabama

February 4th 1818

Coleman Hon N L

Mayor of Montgomery

Acknowledges receipt of letter in relation to the Ind Houses suggests that 3 Houses be established viz one in Northern part of the city, one north of the state House and one in Western part near Pensacola Dept.

Recd Febry 4th 1818.

Mayors office. Montgomery Ala.
Feby 4th 1868

Mr Isac Hendrix
Lieut Col

Sir - I have
the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of your communication in relation to
supplying certain articles of food suitable
for use in Soup Houses, designed & intended
to relieve the suffering poor - I am
truly glad to hear of this movement &
assure you that I will cheerfully co-
operate with you in carrying out the
object -

I think there ought to be established
three Houses - one in the Southern part of
the City in Ward 4 - one North of the
State House & the other in the Western part

of the City near the Pensacola Depot —

I am satisfied that the number of destitute white & black would not fall far short of eight hundred in the City & its Suburbs —

I will see you in person as soon as possible —

Very respectfully

W. L. Coleman

Mayor

NHKH 183

White Hall Ala
Febuary 4th 1868

White I. A.

Statement in relation to his agreement with Lewis Packstaler.

Walker & Enslow

Recd Feby 10th 1868
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[illegible] case I am [illegible]
But as the case is brought before you, I hope you
will at once see the justice, in giving me an order
to sell the Cotton — I regret the perplexity
of this report - but it is unavoidable, in consequence
of my not being able to see you.

I am very respectfy your Obt Servt
I A White
Whitehall Feb. 4th 1865

Lieut
Jno C Hendrix
Asst Adjt Gen - F. B.

P.S. I send you the gentlemen's opots
that you may see them, and also the
Merchants opots. You will observe that
the orders have all been presented and
paid by them.
Please return me all the opots -
Yours &c I A White

By Mr Brown

Respectfully
Lieut Col
Asst Adjt Gen
Dept of Alabama
Miss & East La
Meridian Miss

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Whitehall Feb 4th 1865.

Jn C Hendrix — Dear Sir, I received your order to day, and although I am not able to sit up yet, having had a long spell of bilious Pneumonia (which came near taking my life) — I hasten to try and write off statement of the case ~~proposed~~ as basis of ~~order~~ for my wife to transcribe and forward to you

The whole matter is simply this —, I rented the plantation which lays about two miles from my home to Lewis, Pack, Green and others, after much solicitation on their part, and with the most faithful promises that I should not lose anything by ~~letting~~ them have it. I finally agreed to their proposition and sent you a rough sketch of the terms. —. There were between 375 and 400 acres of excellent open land, all necessary out buildings, large new gin house in complete order for ginning, waggon farming utensils, Ship &c, and I suppose about 5 or 600 bales of corn, and eleven mules —. For which they agreed to give me 30 bales of cotton and half the corn and fodder they made —. And they pledged themselves to take especial care of every thing entrusted to them, and to return the same at the end of the year or pay for such as should be missing —.

Thus, their compliance with their own contract — They have returned to me 25 bales of cotton, about 450 lbs of corn —. the fodder was still in the field, they would not haul it out, left the place before I knew of it, and the Cows destroyed the last stack in the field — So far as ~~Brantley~~ settling a separate claim for the two

bales of cotton, or her crop as she calls it. I did not know until late in the Spring or Summer that, such an arrangement had been made, between Lewis & the other renters, & letting Lewis and Martha have the patches around the house—. I Knew nothing about it nor cared—. You will see, How the rent of the place I had a lawful right to attach all or enough of the Crop to pay the rent—. With these two bales I get 27—. In addition to their failing behind in their rent. They have returned me only six mules, (6 mules) of the eleven and have stripped the place of every thing but 3 hoes one axe, 5 pr plough gear, and some drawings—, as Mr Haynie & Wilson & I have rented the place, and who carries this Deposition can testify to—, as he was there about the time they left. This statement is as plain and fair as I can make it and every word on my solemn oath.

The second grounds for attachment on Lewis and Martha's 2 Bales of Cotton is, Lewis and family's separate account attached, running up so rapidly in the Spring, was the fact of my knowing, he had hands making a seperate crop and buying me with feeding them, I was not bound, neither by promise or contract to furnish the place with provisions no more than any one else, but they could not get it otherwise and I continued to furnish all of them as they could not have gone on at all without the advances—.

Lewis and family's account is $ 159. 56—, And this same Martha, notwithstanding, I was feeding the whole of them on a credit, would not agree to let $40.00 that I owed her on the year before's crop, go towards buying them provisions

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but teased me until I gave her an order to the
Stores, which orders you will see ~~on this sheet~~.
The apot against the Quarter Place on the Company is
$540.49 and bagging and Rope sufficient to pack 18
or 20 bales I do not exactly know how many; but Dr Tins-
ley does. The balance of the accounts are individual
for what I furnished them, which is not necessary to mention
in this report only that you may see how I have been imposed
on by them, they declaring all the year that they would
make 50 or 60 bales of cotton, and even say now that the
would have done so if they had worked.

A Statement of the different Sums for which they are
indebted to me, Lewis and family's apot - - - - - $ 159,58
3 Bales of cotton behind in the rent, at $ 55,00 pr ⅌, $ 165,00
5 mules for sales $ 1,00 pr head " 5,00
Quarter Place apot - $ 510,49. " 510,49
$ 884,07

Individual apots of freedmen

Adol White & family		128,21
George White		66,57
~~Lewis White & family~~		~~159,58~~
Wm White & family		49,88
Mary White		17,55
Coleman Wallis & family		36,96
Green Wyatt & family		41,94
Toney Lassold & family		52,00
Anderson Lassold		18,86
Jack Lassold		57,72
Robert Brown		58,24
Monroe Brown		53,94
Watson Brown		16,00
Gloria Lassold		95,96
		~~540,06~~

I neglected to state previously, that, being deceived
by their false statements about their crop that

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I let them carry to Montgomery 5 bales of their first picking to sell on their own account. They said they wanted them to buy supplies and bagging and rope - the latter of which they did not get, only a very small amount -

The above statements and accounts are all true and correct, and made on my solemn oath.

Mr Beckham on the 3d Saturday in Jan. from Martha's Statement to him. Called a hearing of the Matter, and said ~~Dayton~~, the suit in controversy, was over his jurisdiction and that the case was returnable to our next Court where I supposed the Matter would rest until Court. But as the case is brought before you, I hope you will at once see the justice, in giving me an order to sell the Cotton —, I regret the public tediousness of this report - but it is unavoidable, in consequence of my not being able to see you.

I am very respectfy your Obt Servt
L A White
Whitehall Dec. 4th 1861

To
Jno C Hendrix
Lt & Asst Com - F. B.

P.S. I send you the Freedmen's apers that you may see them, and also the Merchants apers. You will observe that the orders have all been presented and paid by them.
Please return me all the apers - By Mr Hayne
Yours &c L A White

Report of
L A White
Jno C Hendrix
Lt & Asst Com
Returns R. F. & P. Depot
Mem Tenn.

NARA 111

Office Sub Asst Commr
Bureau R F & A L Sub Dist Montgomery
Montgomery Ala Feb 6th 1868

Hendrix Jno C.
Sub Asst Commissioner

Requests the continuation of Mr
H. J. Anderson's appointment as clerk
in this office, which will expire
on the 15th inst.

L B No 208 Drft a 68

State of Alabama. B.R.F. & A.L.
Montgomery Feby. 7. 1868.

Respectfully returned
to Jno C. Hendrix. Sub
Asst Com'r, Montgomery
Ala who will forward
application for revocation
of appointment of Mr
Anderson so soon as his
services can be dispensed
with.

By order of
Bvt Brig Gen'l. Hayden
Geo D Ramsdell
Capt 5th Inf Bvt Maj USA
A.A.A.G.

Recd Feb 5th 68

NARA 112

Office Sub-Assistant Commissioner,
Bureau R., F. & A. L., Sub-District of Montgomery,

Montgomery, Ala., February 6th 1868

Bvt Maj Gen Shurtleff
Capt 15th Infty Bvt Maj U.S.A
A.A.A.G Bureau

Major

I have the honor to request a continuation of the appointment of Mr H. S. Anderson as Clerk in this Office, which expires on the 15th Inst.

The same having been asked, for the period of two months.

I am Major
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servant
Jno. C. Sturdivant
Sub Asst Commissioner

NARA 113

Hedd Qrs Dist of Ala
Office A. A. C. S Bureau
Montg February 6th 1868

Arthur Col H. C
A. C. S Bureau

States that the Asst Comrs
desires that Comrs Bacon
be issued to Destitute Persons
recommended by Gov Rob Patton
Issues will be made in accordance
with regulations heretofore provided
and to make himself acquainted with
the situation of said Persons

Recd Feby 7th 68 Filed

NARA 114

Headqrs. Dist. of Ala
Office. C.S. Feb 6/68

Mr. Hutchinson
Asst. Qr. Mr.

Sir:

The Genl. Comd. directs that you issue Corn and Bacon to certain destitute persons recommended by Lt. R. M. Patterson

The issues will be made in accordance with the regulations heretofore provided and in force.

You will make yourself acquainted with the circumstances of any person applying to you for relief, so as to guard against fraudulent practices.

Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
W. Clift Thomas
A.C.S.

NARA 113

Executive Department
State of Alabama
Montgomery Ala Feb 10th 18

Pattons Gov R M
Governor of Alabama

States that owing to official duties it would be impracticable for him to examine depositions & cases for recommendation for appointment

Read Feb 10th 1858
Filed

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Executive Department,
State of Alabama,
Montgomery Febry 10th 1868

Capt Jno Hendrick
Sub Asst Commissioned
Montgomery
Ala

Sir

I am in receipt of yours favor of this date informing me that Applicants will be referred to destitute persons and my recommendation

For this many liberal proposition I am truly thankful. My official duties are such that it will be impracticable to examine into the merits of the numerous applicants for recommendation but trust that some equitable plan may be devised for a proper distribution of these Supplies

I may occasionally recommend individuals for relief and will be duly obliged for any assistance that may extended to them

Very Respectfully

A M Patton
Gov of Alab

NARA 117

Sandy Ridge Sumter Co
February 11th 68

Redemption Bond

Magistrate

Stating that he had the Corn belonging to Mr A W Hunt was attached for benefit of Allen Alford & also Redemption until day of settlement

Recd Feby 14th 1868
Filed - E B Page 344 -

Know all men by these presents that we A W Hunt as principal & Elias Eaves & Wyatt Eaves as securities all of the County & State aforesaid are held & firmly bound unto Allen Alford & Co in the penal sum of Two Hundred & Fifty Dollars lawful money of the United States for the payment of which well & truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors & administrators jointly severally & firmly by these presents

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bounden A W Hunt has executed a certain Bill of Sale to the said Allen Alford & Co for the following property to wit One Hundred & Fifty bushels of Corn now in the crib of the said A W Hunt & whereas the said Allen Alford & Co have caused the said property to be attached by virtue of a writ of attachment issued from the office of the Clerk & Ex Officio Justice of the Peace for Sumter County & whereas the said A W Hunt has executed a redelivery bond for the forthcoming of said property to abide the result of said attachment suit Now if the said A W Hunt shall well & truly perform the condition of said redelivery bond then this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force & virtue in law

Witness our hands & seals this 14th day of February A D 1868

A W Hunt
Elias Eaves
Wyatt Eaves

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Sandy Ridge Ala Feby 11 1868

Col J A Hendricks

Sir in obedience to
Orders Received from you on the
23 day January Last. in Case of Return
Alford and other Freedmen in the
Employement of Mr Hurst on the
Osborn place in Lowndes County
I Proceeded and Had the Corne
attached and held until Settlement
was made Notice being given to
all the Freedmen supposed to be
interested in Said Settlement and
also to Hurst they appeared or at
Least the following Freedmen Adam
Ben Elick Jack & Monroe
I took up Mr Hurst accounts
and Read them carefully to each
of Said Freedmen and all of them
assented to his accounts and Expressed
themselves Satisfied Except Adam
Alford who objected to the Item
of Feeding two Horses Mr Hurst
Contended that Adam did not
feed the horses but that he fed
or furnish food for them himself
Neither of them having their Witnesses
present I could not decide the
Case that day, and for the purpose
of having the Parties Satisfied
Suggested the Propriety of their
getting their Witnesses and going
before You at Montgomery

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Which they both consented
to do. My reason for doing this
was simply because I knew that
whatever disposition you made of
the case would be satisfactory
& final

Said Corne is still held
under the attachment & will
be until Settlement is made.

I have allways endeavored to act
impartially in the Settlements between
Employers & Freedmen and think I
have generally given satisfaction
in my decisions

I will be more explicit in regard to
all of the above named Freedmen Except
Adam Alford. after their accounts were
made to them they being satisfied
Said they would rather make or complete
the Settlement with Hurst themselves
the Settlement could not be fully made
at this time from the fact that all the
Cotton has not been sold

Very Respectfully your & Thomas P Williamson

NARA 120

Montgomery Alabama

Febuary 13th 1868

Lieut C. S. D.

Surgn in Charge Freedmans Hospital

Gives his reasons for discharging Henry Harris (c) from the Hospital.

Read Feby 13th 68

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Montgomery Feb 12th 1868

Mr Hendricks

Sir – The freedman Henry Harris is discharged from the Hospital for insubordination. He has given much trouble – transgressing the rules of the Hospital – and boasting that he intends to do just as he pleases. He is imprudent – and an almost constant source of annoyance here. Were it his first offence I should not thus resort to measures which seem somewhat cruel. But after having several times told him that I should be obliged to turn him off from the Hospital list – if he did not obey its rules and make less disturbance. I have at last felt compelled – contrary to my desires – to inflict the penalty.

He has money I am quite sure – and can easily support himself for a little while – and if after some little perseverance he sees fit to come back prepared to do his duty I will consider the propriety of receiving him again. But I cannot allow insubordination in any inmate of the Hospital – else my service here would be totally useless. If you will call upon me at my Office this P.M. before three from 2 till three or the time

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that any interest you to know but which do
not enter into the indictment against him

Yours respectfully

S. D. Lecky M.D.

Surgeon in Chief Freedmens Hospital

Montgomery

Ala

Surgeon in Chief Freedmens Hospital Montgomery Ala

Feby 13th 1866

Lecky S. D. Surgeon

Incloses account for services rendered

Freedmens Hospital (C) Rent Use

Montgomery Ala

Feby 13 " 66

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War Department
Barracks Ft. A. L.
Claim Division
Washington D.C. Feb. 14/68

Howe A.D.C.
Bvt Maj Gen U.S.A.

Makes certain statements respecting discharge of Samuel Anderson late of Co. F. 137th Regt U.S.C.T.

U.S.A. Ft. Gaines Ala. 1868.

State of Alabama
Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Montgomery Feb 20. 1868.

Respectfully referred to Jno. C. Kendrick
Sub Asst Commr
Montgomery Ala.
By order of
Bvt Brig Genl J. Hayden.
[signature]
Capt 15th Infy. Bvt Maj USA
a.a.a.g.

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War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, D. C., February 14th 1868.

Bvt. Brig. General J. Hayden, U. S. A.

Asst. Commr, Montgomery, Ala:

General:

I am directed to inform you that the discharge of Samuel Anderson, late Pvt. Co. "F" 137th U. S. C. Troops, is on file in this office, awaiting an application for $100,00 bounty - the 1st instalment under Act of July 4th 1864. The claim was forwarded by L. J. Whiting, Supt. at Montgomery, Ala, and returned to him for correction with communication (No. 569) from this Office dated Mar 11. 1867, and has not as yet been received back.

The records of this Office show the Postoffice address of Claimants to be "Montgomery, Ala."

Please return this letter with application.

I am, General,

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servant

O. O. Howard

Bvt. Maj. General U. S. A.

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Montgomery Co Ala
Millers Feb 17/68

Miscon Benf N.

Makes statements of the
case of J. C. Henry &
Freedmen that worked for
him. state the injustice
to the Freedmen & the
Officers selling the Cotton
&c.

Recd Feby 18th 68

Montgomery Co } Beat Ala
Mount Meigs }

Feby 17th 1868

To Chief Officer Bureau }
of Freedmen & Refugees } Montgomery Ala

As a citizen deeply
interested in seeing that Freedmen
have justice done them I herewith
ask leave to complain and ask
for a special examination into
the following statement represented
to me as facts Viz
During the year 1866 one W. C. Hen-
ry cultivated a plantation in
Montgomery County about 4 or 5 Miles
from Mt Meigs
In the latter part of 1866 the Freed-
men fearful of loosing their Years
work under an order of Maj Gen
Swaine allowing them to attach
property to secure their wages
did through the Magistrates Court
of J R Lide Magistrate of Mt Meigs
Beat Levie out an attachment
and did levy on 16 Bales of
Cotton part of the Crop of Said
Henry;

That on Wednesday 12th Feby
1868 an informal Sale was

made by the Constable of the Beat
of Laid 16 Bales Cotton and that
Said Cotton did not bring a
fair or reasonable price for want
of proper notice &c., And that Said
Cotton Sold for about 10 1/2 Cents Cash.
Whilst average quality of Cotton
now bringing in Same Day in
Montgomery 16 to 16 1/2 c.

Your Petitioner believes
from representations made to him
that there is not sufficient funds
arising from the Sale of Said Cotton
to pay all the Claimants and that
that a fair & full examination
be had into the Sale & disbursement & property Sold at a
fair valuation and that an
Officer of the Bureau be
appointed to divide the proceeds
justly & equitably among the Claim-
-ants.

Your Petitioner applies on the
part of Emanuel Alexander, Winston
& Amanday Burkett, Edmund Lee, Martha
Caswell & Family & Ned Caswell
And Hardy & Peter
All of whom are

claimants. Three of whom are present to testify in this case &c,

Upon petition further States that in pursuance of the Sale of the 16 Bale Cotton took place at the Village of Mt Meigs which is no cotton Mart was not fully notified. There were very few persons present & those only actual residents of the Village.

That Sale was made by James McTade constable, that the highest & only bidder was one Alex.r McTade. That the Sale was interrupted by the following respectable residents, Hon Lapsley Chandler, Hon Clement McLemore Dr Elias Lucas & others

All of which is manifested by sundry affidavits filed by the friends & former owners of the freedmen now in Montgomery

Upon Obedient Servants

Benj.n F. Porter

P.S. The freedmen are ordered to Montgomery this day 18th for a Settlement. If Settlement be made in Montg. why could not the Sale be made there many of them are unable to go to Montgomery for a Settlement

B F P

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B. S. & O. Salome 534

Ref. 152. S. A. & C. Bol. 4. Ga. 1868

Wem. Statement of

Jim Stanford
Cold

That Thomas Belyew has recently moved from Taylor Co. Ga. to, - or near, - Dadeville. Tallapoosa County Ala. & owes him $13.50 for the labor of his daughter Emily during 1867. That the settlement was made before the Ag't Bureau at Butler in Dec. last. when Mr. Belyew promised to pay the amt in a few days. Prays that the same be collected for him.

Office Agent Bureau R F & c
Butler Ga. Feby 18th 1868

Respectfully forwarded to
Brevet Maj. John Lemard
N. F. A. S. A. Comm. Dept. R F & c
Columbus Ga.

I made the settlement in this case and know the amt ($13.50) to be justly due.

J. R. Davenport
Agent.

Bureau Refugees, Freed'n & Ab'd L'ds
Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Ga.

ATLANTA, GA., Mch 3d, 1868.

Respectfully referred to Bt Brig Genl
P. Hayden Asst. Comm.
for State of Ala.
C. C. Sibley
Bt. Brig. Genl,
B. Inv. 580, & W. 4. &
Asst. Comm.

$288 Sofa 1868
Sub. of Mt. Bd. R. F. & L.
Montgomery March 5. 1868
Respectfully referred to Lt
Kendall A.A.A. Montgomery Ala.
By order of
Bvt Brig Genl P. Hayden
Geo. L. Kendall
Capt 1st Lieut 3d Mass Cav
A.A.A.G.

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S. S. & S. Comm. 534

Dft 152. O. A. C. Fol 4. Ga. 1868

Mem. Statement of

$13.50

Jim Stanford
Cold

That Thomas Belyew has recently moved from Taylor Co. Ga. to, - or near, - Dadeville. Tallapoosa County Ala. & owes him $13.50 for the labor of his daughter Emely during 1867. That the settlement was made before the Agt Bureau at Butler in Dec. last. when Mr. Belyew promised to pay the amt in a few days. Prays that the same be collected for him.

Office Agent Bureau R F & C
Butler Ga. Feby 18th 1868

Respectfully forwarded to Brevet Maj. John Leonard A. A. A. G. Comm. Bu. R F & C Columbus Ga.

I made the settlement in this case and know the amt ($13.50) to be justly due.

J. B. Davenport
Agent.

Office S. A. Comm Bureau R F & C
Columbus Ga Feby. 22. 1868.

Respectfully forwarded to Bt. Brig. Genl. C. C. Sibley. Asst. Comm. State of Ga. for his information and action,

John Leonard
Bt. Major U. S. Army
S. A. Comm.

Mem. Statement of
Freedman. Jim. Stanford.

States that his
daughter Emerly work for Thomas Belyew during the
year 1867 in Taylor County Ga. that in December last—
a settlement was made before the agent of the Freedmens
Bureau at Butler. by which mr. Belyew owed him Thirteen
Dollars & fifty cents ($13.50). That he promised to pay this
amt in a few days but has since moved to, or near
Dadeville. Tallapoosa County Alabama

Hence he prays that the above amt for his daughters
labor be collected and forwarded. to him.

Jim. Stanford
Care of H. Wallace
Butler Ga.

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Lowndesboro Ala
July 19/1868

Graham S
Justice of the Peace

State that in the case
of Marks White. he had
instructions delivered
to Mr White and directed
the attacking officer, to
release the Doctor to Mrs
White &c

Rec'd July 22nd 1868
Filed Feb 24 1902

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Lowndesboro Feby 19th 1868

Dear Sir

In the case of bearer, Martha White. I had given instructions delivered to Mr White the claimant of the Cotton. I also directed the attaching officer to release or turn over the Cotton to Mr White as your order was directed to him (White). Therefore there is no further proceedings in the case, before me. I have not been able to learn, what disposition has been made of the Cotton by White as he said he would make his report to the Bureau

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
A. C.

Jno C Hendrix
Sub Agt Comm of
F. & Bureau

NARA 134

Gallatin Tennessee
Feby 20 1868

Bates. Polly cols

States that her son named John Patterson went to Miss and thence to Alabama Near this place, desires assistance in finding him.

Rec'd Feby 24th 1868

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Gallatin Sumn
Feb 20th 1865

Capt B R Pitts A Q M
Montgomery Ala

Dr Sir

I am a poor old woman in distress in regard to a son of mine named John Patterson aged 14 years who was carried to Miss when quite small he has left there to go to your part of the country I wish you would make diligent inquiry for him and let me know the results and oblige a fond Mother

Very Respt
Polly Bates
Gallatin Sumn
Care of Mr Porter Gunn

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Montgomery Co Ala
February 23 1868

Barnett A L

Justice of the Peace

Makes Statement in case of
Pleasant Jones & John Williams.
also William Harris et al
vs W B Merriwether

Rec'd Feb 26th 68

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Montgy Co Ala Feb 29th 1868
Beat No. 9

John Hendrix
Sub Asst Comr.

Sir the Case of Pleasant Jones
referred to me for investigation was Compromised by
the parties and settled to day before me ——
The Case of John Williams has not been acted
upon I was in Montgomery at the time he was
at my House and left no instructions for me
whatever to Commence action he will have to make
out his Account or Complaint and hand it to
me I do not know where he lives so that I could Com
municate to him in regard to the Case ——

I Received a notice from you in regard to William
Harris and others against W. B. S. Merriwether I sent
a return of that Case to you some time ago it must
have been mislaid by mail I that Case the Crop was
Attached for Rent and did not pay the Rent there being
no other Property the Laborers were cut out Consequently I
Stopped my proceedings in that Case until further orders &c

Very Respectfully, H. L. Barnett J.P.

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Register Montgomery Ala
Feb 24 1868

Gardner S.

Make Statement in
case of Stephen Lewis
B L Caffey and Dick
Connover

Recd Feby 29th 1868
Filed E B. Page 102 —

Recd Feb 29/68

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Feby 24th 1868

John C. Heard Esqr
Asst Assistant Commissioner
Montgomery
Ala

Dear Sir I called on Mr Stephen Spencer this Morning in regard to his authority for the paper in regard to Dr Gaffey and Dick Cameron and he claimes that Dr Gaffey has misrepresented him that he did not claim the paper as coming from your Office but from Lieut. G. McTyer of the City of Mobile and at the request of McTyer he lead it to Gaffey and so informed him at the time

I am Sir
Very respectfully
Your Obedt Servant

S. Gardner

PS Will I be Sustained if property has to be sold by Debt Court, answer this and oblige yours obdt
S Gardner

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I have also received yours of the 13th by Daniel Bell (Colored) which shall receive prompt attention

before receiving it I had instituted suit against Mr Bell in favour of Thos Lockhaven (Colo) and will attend this Claimes at once

Very respectfully

yours &

&c &c &c

NARA 141

Lowndes Co Alabama
February 26th 1868

Graham Jas H

Judge of Probate

States that he was unable to effect a settlement between Mr Bryant & Thomas Franklin (colo) on account of non appearance of one of the parties

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Rec'd Feb 26 1868 Sub'd Mon.
Filed. E B Page 102—

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Sub Dist of Montgomery
Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Montgomery Ala Feby 22nd 1868

Hon Jas W. Graham
Judge of Probate
Lowndes Co Ala

Judge

The case of the bearer Thomas Franklin (cold) is respectfully referred to you for investigation and action under Genl Orders No. 13 & 14. Hd Qrs Dist of Ala series of 1867.

You will please report your action in the case at this Office as soon as practicable

Same Judge
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Jno L. Hendrix
Sub Asst Commr

NARA 143

Haynesville Ala Feb 25 1868

Mrs L Hendrix
Supt Ala Asylum
Montgomery
Ala

Dear Sir

This paper was handed to me Sunday 23 Inst. by the party named therein — I immediately notified Mr Bryant to appear at my office in Haynesville on the next day for the purpose of investigating the matter — on Monday the parties appeared — Mr B. and Thomas Franklin (col'd) I proposed to them that they should each choose a man — that these two disinterested men should hear all the testimony on both sides, examine the accounts for advancements, examine the accounts of sales of cotton — ascertain the amount of corn made, and settle every thing according to the contract, doing strict justice to both parties; and if the two men could not agree that

they should call in a third man and that the three should settle all the matters in controversy, and report all the proceedings to me, that I might make you a full

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[illegible] every thing according to the contents, doing strict justice to both parties; and if the two men could not agree that

they should call in a third man and that the three should settle all the matters in controversy, and report all the proceedings to me, that I might make you a full report of the same — and continue the case until to day that all the items in the account might be brought in, and that Thomas Franklin (colrd) might have time to select such a man as he might prefer to select — I supposed that both parties would agree to the proposition, but to day only one party appeared, and I understand the other party probably has returned to Montgomery. I am therefore unable to proceed any further with the investigation of the case at present

Very respectfully
James W Graham
Judge of Probate
Lauderdale Ala

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Montgomery Alabama
February 26 1868

Lomax Carrie

Acknowledges receipt of communication of the 12th inst. and states that the children referred to are living with their grandparents & doing well

Montgomery
Feb 26th/68

Mr. Hendrick

Yours of 12th inst had been received, & would have been answered earlier, but, was waiting to see the grand-parents of the children to learn their condition. It is true they are on my plantation, but I do not cultivate the place, therefore have not seen them, in two years - but I sent word for him to come down I wanted to see them him. He says the children are all doing well, and are very well, & perfectly contented, and there is no danger of their being thrown on the government - as long as they live, and now they are

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getting large enough to work & assist them (the old people) and as they have had all the trouble of them while small, they do not want to give them up just as they are getting large enough to work - and they do not intend to give them up, unless they are taken by law - He wishes you to write to Robinson to that effect - also that Nellie the oldest daughter died 4th day of last July with consumption - the other are all well & growing finely - He says Robinson has never given them one cent of money & no clothes, indeed has never done any thing for them since freedom commenced - and he would like very much, Robinson would send them something - If you write to him - you might enclose my letter to him, - he will recognize the writing & as he is accustom to it I have corresponded with him on the subject some time ago - The old people are quite old & he ought to assist them, if he can -

Very respectfully
yours -
Lamie Conrad -

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Hdqrs Dist of Alabama
Office Chf Q M BRF&AL
Montgomery Feb 26 1868

Arthur W. C.

A. A. G. W.

Requests Report of buildings
& Employees with their
rent. And compensation paid
to the latter

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Head-Quarters District of Alabama.

OFFICE CHIEF Q. M. B. R. F., & A. L., STATE OF ALABAMA

Montgomery, Ala., Feb 26 1868

Mr L. C. Hendrix
Sub Asst. Com'r
Sir!

Please furnish a Report to day, of all the buildings and Employees hired by you, and their rent or compensation, this Report should show all the school buildings in your District the rent which is paid by the Bureau

Respty Your
Obt Servt
W. C. Arthur
Adjt

Ref. Road Station
Montgomery Co. Ala. Feb 26 1868

Branch Co. N.

Brach in Statement in case
of Henry Bell Reg Freedman
Rec. freedmen. arrested
for violation of the 73 Sec
of the Penal Code of the
State of Alabama

Freedmen. Then Reed is a boy. Both of them misdemeanors. Nonish Freedmen

I write to you, supposing you are acquainted with the Military authorities at Montgomery, & believing that you will take pleasure in trying to prevent an act of injustice being done those Freedmen who are really guilty of no crime.

Your attention to this will greatly oblige

Respectfully

Your Obdt Svt.

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Pike Road Station M. & E. R.R.
Montgomery Co. Feby 26th 1868.

Dear Sir

I write, to ask of you the favor to lay the following facts, before the proper Military authority at Montgomery, in time for me to have an answer by Friday evening Train. M. & E. R.R.

Leroy Bell a Green. Reed, Freedmen, laboring upon the plantation of Messrs Mathews & Marks, under my Superintendence, were seen on Sunday morning last, upon their employers premises, Shooting a Squirrel, and arrested by a White man named Farmer, acting in the Capacity of Bailiff, (having been appointed as such by Mr James Ward Esqr.) & carried before said Ward, for violation of the 73rd Sec of the Penal Code of Alabama.

They were tried before said Ward, on Saturday Next 10, A.M. and of course will be required to pay a Fine & costs each, or go to Jail. It does seem to me, that this would be doing these Freedmen great injustice. They have

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no money of course will have to be
imprisoned. The man who reported
or arrested them, is an informer & expects
to make his living in part by annoying
ignorant Freedmen in this way. I can
vouch for the good character of both
Freedmen. Simon Reid is a boy. Both of
them quiet & industrious honest Freedmen

I write to you, supposing you
are acquainted with the Military authorities
at Montgomery, & believing that you will
take pleasure in trying to prevent and
act of injustice being done these Freedmen
who are really guilty of no crime.
Your attention to this will greatly oblige
Respectfully
Your Obdt Svt.
A. A. A. Surch.

A. A. Surch
Pike Road.
Can M. & E. R. R. Co.
Montgomery
Alabama

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Stat of Ala Bureau R F & A L
Montgomery Ala Feb 27 1868

Shorkley George

Bvt Maj U.S.A. a.a.a.g.

Transmits blanks as requested in communication of the 24th inst

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State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala; February 27th 1868.

Mr Jno. C. Hendrix
Sub Asst Commissioner
Montgomery Ala.

Sir:

I send you herewith fifteen (15) copies each, of blanks, requested in your communication of 24th inst

By order of
Bvt Brig Genl S. Hayden.
Lt Hawkins
Capt 15th Infty. Bvt Major USA
A.A.A.G.

NARA 134

Orphans Home
Montgomery Feb 27/1868

Cleaveland Mary

Matron Orphans Home

Requests that supplies
of Corn & Bacon may be
furnished for use of
Orphans Home

Read Feby 28th 1868

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Orphans Home Feby 27th

Mr Hendrick.

Dr Sir-

You told me to order the Corn from you, two or four days before the month was out. Please send me what Corn you can spare and if you can make arrangement to send me some Bacon please do so. I have a Beef ticket, but am compelled to have some Bacon, if not from you, I will have it to buy

Yours Respectfully

Mary Chanland

Matron Orphans Home

NARA 136

Sub Dist Eufaula
Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Eufaula Ala Feb 28 1868

H H Burton
Adj Sub Asst Commissioner

Forwards Statement of
J. G. Shorter for information
of S. A. C. Montgomery Ala

Recd March 2d 1868

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Sub. Dist. Eufaula.
Barbour Co.
Eufaula Ala.
Feby. 28th, 1868

Mr. J. C. Hendrix
Sub. Asst. Commr.
Montgomery Ala.

Sir.

In compliance with your instructions, I called on J. G. Shorter and informed him of your request. whereupon he made out the enclosed statement, which is forwarded for your information

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Yours &c
H. H. Thornton
Actg. Sub. Asst. Comm.

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Jno. Gill Shorter. John M. McKleroy.

Office of SHORTER & McKLEROY,

Attorneys at Law,

Eufaula, Ala., [redacted] *1865*

[redacted] H. Bentley,

Acting Sub Ass't Comm'r B. R. F. & A. L.

Sack Dist. of Confederate.

Sir:

[redacted] informed me a few days since that you had [redacted] from the Freedmen Bureau at Montgomery, requesting [redacted] to furnish me that complaints had been made [redacted] of a failure on my part to pay certain freedmen their wages. I thanked you for the information & stated that I would address you a communication on the subject, & suggested [redacted] to forward it to the Bureau at Montgomery. Since I saw you I have called many times on Justice [redacted] but have not avail myself of the first opportunity to report to you my reply to your enquiries.

My Bro-in-Law, Mr. Thos W. Bowles, who resides in the city of Montgomery, undertook last year to cultivate a plantation in Montgomery County, & to enable him to do so I negotiated & became security for him to the am't of several thousand dollars, besides considerable cash advances made him. Through Mr. T. Spencer he hired the freedmen to work the plantation, agreeing in writing to pay them wages according to their classification as farm laborers. On a visit to

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Jno. Gill Shorter. John M. McKleroy.

Office of SHORTER & McKLEROY,

Attorneys at Law,

Montgomery in the Spring of the year I found Mr. Cowles unable for ~~Expedition~~ Already means to go on with the business, & by consent of the freedmen I took a transfer of their contracts to myself, & furnished the supplies for the plantation & the clothing & other articles wanted by the freedmen, & paid them in money also certain amounts, on the occasion of my visits to the plantation, three different times during the year, according to my present recollection.

Owing to the pressing nature of my engagements at home it was impossible for me to visit Montgomery at the close of the year & settle in person the several accounts of the freedmen; but I forwarded the contract & all the memoranda I had to Mr. Cowles, as my agent & requested him to settle promptly with all parties. The accounts were kept by him & Mr. Wm Williamson, the Superintendent on the place; & it was no difficult matter, after the classification of the hands had been fixed by the contract, to state the accounts & settle the whole business. Mr. Cowles has written me several letters in which he advises me that he had made repeated efforts to settle up all the accounts but that some of the freedmen were indisposed to settle promptly. In a letter of 8th Jan'y, Mr. Cowles writes me "I have not written you about the settlement with the negroes before as they would not all settle. I have had them down before the Bureau three times. The Agent tried to make

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Jno. Gill Shorter. John M. McKleroy.

Office of SHORTER & McKLEROY,

Attorneys at Law,

These last nearly all of the laborers owned by themselves & would make good crops, & they left, & did many of the best of our hirers to get them to settle. They have not taught him how they were cheated & were dissatisfied.

In another letter, dated 11th of this month, Mr. Hodges writes "I have been trying every way to settle up with the laborers for last year, as I wrote you several days since. They will all come; so don't let that give you any trouble."

It will be seen from the foregoing statement that I gave all due diligence in the premises, & that my Agent has made diligent effort to settle these plantation accounts, and the failure to adjust them promptly is owing to the fault of the laborers themselves. Most, if not all of them, had overdrawn their wages account and the ascertainment of this fact created disappointment & they then made the lack of my absence a pretext for not closing the settlements.

I beg in this connection to state that I have on four separate plantations in this vicinity East Texas, in my employ, nearly 200 laborers, whose wages aggregate amounted in the aggregate to without a fraction of $20,000; and that they were all settled promptly and by the 5th of January, and I never heard the first complaint from any one of the entire number. No one believes more strongly than I do in the truthfulness of the rule that "the Laborer is worthy of his hire", & that his hire

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Jno. Gill Shorter. John M. McKleroy.

Office of SHORTER & McKLEROY,

Attorneys at Law,

should be honestly paid - It is not only a moral duty but it is to the interest advantage of the Shareholders to promptly pay his labours, & this has always been my wish and practice. And therefore, in view of my contract and actions, & especially in view of the repeated efforts of my Agent in Montgomery to adjust the accounts with Freedmen there, it was a occasion of surprise as well as regret to me when I officially learned that the Com'r. at Montgomery had complained & lodged in his office that I had been derelict in my duty to Freedmen in the County of Montgomery.

The explanation of the whole matter is this. The Freedmen failed for a long few days to make a full and sufficient, the far greater number of them, failed to cultivate more than 15 acres few hands, allowed the crops to be over run with grass and weeds, and thus subjected me to the extra expenses of about $ 3/4 to pick out what little cotton they did make. One of the best plantations in Montgomery County they did not make more to last beyond the end of the year and not over 2 bales of cotton from 100 acres. The year's operations ended in a clear loss of $ 2500 to me. When the Freedmen were brought before the Freedmen Officers to be paid the proof of their services, in order to classify them & fix the rate of their wages, they were dissatisfied. & then suddenly refused a settlement.

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Jno. Gill Shorter. John M. McKleroy.

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Office of SHORTER & McKLEROY,

Attorneys at Law,

Such are the facts as I believe & believe them to exist, and I respectfully ~~[illegible]~~ that you [illegible] and this communication to the Commissioner at Montgomery for his information.

I have this day written Mr. Cowles to call at the office of the Comm. & to ask leave to read this paper, & to testify as to its contents. I have also requested him to urge a speedy & final settlement with every Confederate, whose accounts are unadjusted; and if there be any balances due to any one or more I will direct Mr. Cowles to pay the same immediately, —

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Jno. Gill Shorter.

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War Department
Bureau R ℄ ᵐᵉⁿ A L
Washington Feb 28 1868

Whitely E

A A Inspector General

Acknowledges receipt of Statement of Provisions for the Months of August September October Nov & December 1867 and January 1868

Received March 4th 1868
Filed - E T B Page 346 —

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War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, Feb'y 28th 1868.

Sir:

Your Statement of Provisions received, transferred, and distributed under Joint Resolution of Congress, approved March 30, 1867, "to prevent starvation," &c., for the months of August, September, October, November, December 1867 January 1868 *have been received and examined at this office, and sent to the Third Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.*

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard.

Very respectfully, &c.

E. Whittlesey
A. A. Inspector-General.

John Hendrix A.A.C
Montgomery Ala

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State of Alabama B R & A G
Office Asst Commissioner
Montgomery Ala July 29/68

Thackley Batwell Geo
Capt 15th Infty & A.A.A. 4

Encloses revocation of Mr W. J.
Anderson's appointment as
clerk in Bureau,
State that application for re-
appointment will be made to
the Asst Comm if desired;

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State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

OFFICE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,

Montgomery, Ala., February 19th 1868.

Mr Jno. C. Hendrix
Sub Asst Commissioner
Montgomery Ala.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I send you, revocation of the appointment of Mr W. J. Anderson, Clerk Bureau R. F. and A. L.

Application will be made to the Commissioner for his reappointment if desired,

By order of
Bvt Brig Genl T. Hayden,

Capt 15th Infty. Bvt Maj USA
A Adt

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War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, Feby 14 1868.

Bvt Brig Genl J Mayden
Assistant = Commissioner,
Montgomery Ala

General:

In accordance with your request of Jany 1868 the appointment of Mr. W J Anderson as a Clerk in the State of Alabama made Jany 8. 1868 from this Office, is hereby revoked to date. Feby 15th 1868.

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

B C Whittlesey
Act. Asst. Adj.-General.

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Statement in

Matter of Claim

of Edward Keeler

Col

The Case Billiam Duane Friedman. has a good Cause of Action against B. B. Harris as will appear by the Contract in your office, He is robbed of the place by Harris & not allowed to remain to protect his interest the Thinks Harris is disposing of the Crop & will abscond without paying him any thing. He is not able to give the bond necessary to secure an attachment or any Summary process. It will take him a Year or more to obtain Judgt in an ordinary Suit for his rights, in the meantime Harris who is a non resident will have disposed of the Crop & left. & Duane be totally without Remedy. I think this a proper Case for the Exercise of the powers Conferred on the Bureau, Either to require Harris to keep the Crop till the matter can be legally adjudicated, or be Called before you & disposed of at once so that Duane can get what he is

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State of Alabama
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery Mar 2 1868

Shorkley Lieu
Bvt Maj USA a.a.a.g.

Encloses appointment of
W. J. Anderson as Clerk in
Bureau to date from Feb 18 1868

March—

Recd March 3 1868

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State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

Montgomery, Ala., March 2nd 1868.

Mr Jno C. Hendrick
Sub Asst Commissioner
Montgomery Ala.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith I send you the appointment of W. J. Anderson, as Clerk in the Bureau to date Feby 15. 1868 – receipt of which please acknowledge.

The enclosed oath will be executed and forwarded to this office.

By order of
Bvt Brig Genl J. Hayden.
Capt 15th Infy. Bvt Maj U. S. A.
A. A. A Genl

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Barkfosa Ala
March 2d 1868

Bulger John 6

Transmits charges
in the case of the State
vs Elizabeth McAdory (c)

Read Annexed
[illegible]

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Barkfosa Ala
March 2d 1868

Bulger John C

Transmits charges
in the case of the State
vs Elizabeth McAdory (c)

NARA 174

Bentonia Ala March 2d 1848

Mr Jno G Hendricks

Dear Sir

Your's of the 25th February 1848 is before me Requesting a transcript from My docket in the Case of State vs Elizabeth McAdory &c Which i have the honor of inclosing to you there will never be a clearer Case of Larceny than this — when She [illegible]ma the larceny have him so fairly detected She was the first to appeare before me and offred to be put to hearn Leaber for as long a time as I. Should See fit — but under existing laws and orders I Could but Commit her to await the action of the Grand Jury Though If I. have acted improply in any way I. did it sincerly for My intentions has Ever been to give Justice accordin to Equity, and no man Can Caulc Regret an Earer more than my Self I. am Sir Your's Truly and obedient Servnt

John C. Bulger

NARA 173

The State
Vs
Elizabeth McSdoorg } The Charge against the Deft is the Larceny of a hog the property of Mrs Stroud

the defendant and her husband Lewell McSdoorg Came before Me and became their Accusers accused and plea Guilty of the of the Larceny of a hog
Saturday January th 14, 1865 Set for the hearing of the Case and bond taken for the appearam of the Deft Elizabeth McSdoorg the Deft appeared in open Court and plea Guilty of the Larceny of a hog the propty of a Mrs Stroud Stating that She killed the hog with a ax bearing the intrails in the Edge of the yard and that the people who Came to hunt for the hog dug up the intrails and that there was no use of her trying to deney it Consequently It appearing to the Court that Such offence had been Comitted It is ordered by the Court that the Deffendant be Committed to Jail to await the action of the Grand Jury, and the Deffendant having the right under the 40th Section of the Code to Elect have labor for the County rather than be Confined in Jail — It is ordered that She be allowed to Select — Whom thereupon Came William J Peddy John A Settle & E. Pond an became her Security in the Sum of 200$ for

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for the Said Elizabeth McAdary appearance at the
next Term of the Circuit Court of Cocke County Ten

Jno. C Bulger

Justice of Peace

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Dadeville Alabama
March 2d 1868

Sturdevant Allen D

Judge of Probate

States that Habeas Corpus
was issued in case of
child detained by
Alexander Leach- and
that said child was
delivered to its mother

Blanchard & Co

Redmond & Co

NARA 178

Parkersville W. Va
Probate Judges office
March the 2 1868

John C. Hendricks
Sub asst. Commr

Dear Sir

Yours of the
9th inst. came to hand
enclosed — in relation
to child detained
by Thos under Habeas — Writ of Habeas
Corpus issued, and child delivered
to the Mother, wife of the said Nelson
very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Allen P. Stuntiment

NARA 179

State of Alabama
Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Montgomery Ala Mar 3 1868

Shorkley Geo

Bot Mds Usa. a.a.a.g.

Transmits tickets for Soup Kitchen & instructs Sub Asst Com to use his own Judgment in dispensing of same - also directs a report of practical working of the establishment

Rec'd March 4" 1868

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State of Alabama
Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Montgomery Ala Mar 3 1868

Shorkley Geo

Bot Mas Ufa. a.a.a.g.

Transmits tickets for Sunk Kitchen & instructs Sub Asst Com to use his own judgment in disposing of same - also directs a report of practical working of the establishment

Rec'd March 4th 1868

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State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala., March 3 1868.

Mr Jno. C. Hendrix
Sub Asst Commissioner
Montgomery Ala.

Sir:

I send you herewith Three Hundred (300) Soup Tickets of different colors for the different meals of the day. - these will be endorsed by you, and the number of pints of soup written upon the face by yourself or the Committee. They are numbered "Kitchen No. 1" and "Kitchen No. 2" - supposing that you will establish ab least two kitchens.

You will use your own discretion in the selection of colored and whites upon Committees and the arrangement of kitchens for white and colored separate or together.

Please report the practical workings of this Relief, giving suggestions as to any changes - should any be needed in the present mode of their conduct.

(over)

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By order of
Bvt Brig Genl S. Hayden.
Lt Thorkelson
Capt 15th Infy. & Bvt Maj U.S.A.
a a a Gen'l.

Tickets sent by messenger

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Lowndesboro Alabama
March 3d 1868

Harrison J L

Acknowledges receipt of communication requesting him to make settlement with hands employed by him last year - and in reply states that he owes them nothing

Recd mar 4th/68
Ans March 4th 1868
Filed - E T B Pond 12th

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J. B. Hendrix Esq
Montgomery Ala
Dr Sir

I have Rec'd two notices from you to call at your Office, for the purpose of making a settlement with my Hands for last Year's labor=

I owe the Hands nothing not a red Cent, for the simple reason there was nothing made not enough to defray the Expence of the Place; by Considerable, & they know it, the whole Neighborhood also, they got Ten times more than was made, I have got no horse to ride to Montgomery If you want me you will have to send for me, & I will take pleasure in waiting upon you.

Very Respectfully
J. B. Harrison

Lowndesboro
March 8th/68

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Treasury Department
Second Auditor Office
March 3 1868

French E. B.

Second Auditor

States that claim of the within named person have been recvd and will be settled at an early date.

Recd March 8th 1868.

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Treasury Department,

Second Auditor's Office,

March 3, 1868.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 22nd ult.
(the only one received) I have to inform you.
that the claims of John Stanford. Ann Murdock,
Milton Williamson. Peter Harris. George Murdock.
Luke Hayden and Margaret Williams. have been
received. And will be settled at an early day,
when the notifications will be addressed to Your
care.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
E. B. Tench, Auditor
per J. M. S.

John C. Hendrix
Sub Asst Commr
Bureau of R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery
Alabama.

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NARA 187

Hdqrs Sub Dist of Ala
Office Chf Qm B R F & A L
Montgomery March 1868

Arthur M.C.

Chief Qm. & A.C.S.

Transmits Blanks for Soup Kitchen with instructions for use

Recd March 6/68 Filed

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Head Quarters, District of Alabama,

Office Chief Q. M. B. R. F. and A. L., State of Alabama,

Montgomery, Ala., March 5 1868

John C. Heudrick Esq.
Sub Asst Quarm r &c.
Montgomery ala.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith an assortment of Blank forms to be used by you in accounting for Subs- Stores coming into your possession for purposes of "relief" and also the manner of the application and expenditure thereof

To Wit. 1" Return of Provisions rec d, issued &
a monthly return to be made and forwarded
within five days after the Expiration of the month
for which due

2" Abstract of Subs- Stores rec d. &c.
This abstract is compiled from the issues
made to you on Return returns and Vouchers Nos 1.

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3" Abstract of Articles manufactured

This abstract to be accompanied by the Quantity of Bread and Soup manufactured during the month and accompanies the Return as Voucher No 2. The Expenditures to be shown in it are those of the actual quantity of articles of Each Kind used in the manufacture and is to be given for the purpose of showing the Economical working of the Soup &c.

These Expenditures are not carried to the Returns from this Abstract.

4"- Abstract of Issues - to specify the Number - Status and Color of the Beneficiaries and the quantity issued to them. It is to be rendered in a detailed form Weekly and in a Condensed form monthly as Voucher No 3 -.

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5th Abstract of Articles exported. Shows the quantity of articles Exported during the month — It accompanies the return as Voucher No 4 —.

It is believed that the Series of Returns & Vouchers will meet the desired end in furnishing all necessary Statistical information Concerning the relief afforded and the amount of Expenditure made in rendering the Same —

I am Very Respt

H. C. Pitts

Stat. Alabama

State of Alabama
Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Montgomery May 6 1868

Shorkley Geo

Bvt Maj USA a.a.a.g.

Encloses letter of G. D. Lawrence
M. C. requesting information
regarding the children of Lina
Bell and Matilda Monday

Rcvd May 7th/68

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State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala., March 6th 1868.

Mr Jno. C. Hendrick.
Sub Asst Commissioner
Montgomery Ala.

Sir:

The following letter of inquiry has been received at this Office.

Washington D. C. Feb 20. 1868.

Sir:

Can we hear of Gina Bell's children sold at different times, Matilda Monday and her children owned by Miss Mary E. Bronaugh, Lavina, Daniel, Ann and Linda Monday, Andrew Jackson, Lolan, Ann and Lucy Bell, sold by their master Wm B Stone of Stafford Co Va

Yrs G. W. Lawrence M. C.

The Asst Commissioner desires you to make enquiries in relation to these

freed people, and forward to this Office any information you may receive.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant.
Geo Shorkley
Capt. 15th Infty. & Bvt. Major U.S.A
a day

NARA 134

Fort Deposit Ala
March 6th 1868

Blake T.

States that the man
Calloway is indebted
to him by store account
$ 92.82

Read Mar 7/1868

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4th

J. C Hendrix

Fort Defiance March 6' 68

I Received your communication in regard to Dave Calloway I find on investigation that Dave is indebted on store account 92.82 cent. his corn was retained for his account this matter was delayed up till this time not Received untill 5 day of March.

Your Respectfully

P Walker

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Office Circuit Clerk
Haynesville Alabama
March 6th 1868

Robertson John A

Makes report in case of ——
Gilchrist vs certain
Laborers upon his
plantation regarding
settlement for work done
in 1867

Rec'd March 8th 68
Feld-EB 260

Office Circuit Clerk
Haynesville Alabama
March 6th 1868

Sir,

I do hereby certify that
I have duly executed
the annexed process
issued from the Circuit
Court of Claiborne
County Ala on the
6th day of March
1868 and made due
return thereof by
proper endorsement
thereon.

Yours Respectfully
Thos Robertson
Sheriff

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Office Circuit Clerk
Harrisville Miss
March 6th 1868

C. Mercein
Asst Adt Genl.

Sir.

Your favor of 28th ult referring case of certain Freedmen to me for action under Genl Orders No 13 & 44 was duly received. Thereupon I Expressed to the Freedmen my readiness to issue Writs of Attachment for them upon their making the required affidavit - which they said they were unwilling to do as they could not swear that Applewhite was indebted to them, and if so in what amount: The Freedmen then employed an Attorney to Examine the Settlement made between them and their Employer, who reports that by the terms of the Contract between Applewhite and his Laborers - the Laborers agreed to pay half of all the Expenses of the Plantation Except rent of Land which was all paid by Employer, and were to receive one half of the nett proceeds of the Crop

Total Charges of Plantation $ 4,168 ½
Amount to balance - $ 136,781 ½

This Report of the Result being made known to the Freedmen they were unwilling to make oath that

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Gilchrist is justly indebted to them.
I therefore have not issued
any writs of Attachment in
this case, but informed the
Freedmen that I would
do so whenever any of them
applied for it and was will-
-ing to make the affidavit re-
-quired by law, under Genl
Orders 13 & 14.
All of which is respectfully
submitted.
Yours obdt Servt
Jno H Robertson
Clerk &c.

P.S. The articles charged against
the Freedmen above are for supp-
lies of Plantation and Embrace
none of the individual accounts
of Gilchrist against the Freedmen
Gilchrist has suits against Each
owner varying from ten to one
hundred dollars for articles of
merchandise advanced to them
during the year, During which
Each Freedman is indebted to
him Besides the amount due him
advancement- as the Crop Pro-
ves to and hundred dollars

Mark Tapp Jno H Robertson
Clerk

NARA 199

Pike Road Ala
March 9th 1868

Burch A. M.

Makes Statement of trial
of Leroy Bell and Green Reid, (c)
before Justice Hardy

Reed Mar 0 1868

NARA 200

Pike Road, Montgomery Co Ala
March 9th 1868.

J C. Henden,
Sub Asst Commr &c.
Montgomery
Alabama,

Dear Sir.

The trial of the Freedmen, Leroy Bell & Green Ric. befor Justice Ward. Came off day befor yesterday. They were fyuined 40 pay the Costs, Eight Dollars each. I Suppose that the proceedings will be sent you in obedience to your order. Mr Ward, and I would be glad sir, you would postpone action in the matter ~~until~~ I can visit Montgomery & see you which I hope to do this week, when I feel satisfied I can convince you of the injustice of this whole proceeding.

Very Respfly
Your Obt Svt
A. H. Busch.

NARA 281

Justice Office Montgomery Ala March 9 1868

Ward J. F.

Justice of the Peace

Makes Statement in case of

State vs Leroy Bell and Green Reid (colored)

Recd March 10 "68
Filed — EB 346—

NARA 202

At My office in beat No 7
Montgomery Co Ala
March 9th 1868

Mr A. C. Hendrix Esq
Sub "asst" Comm

I herewith transmit to your honorable consideration my discision in a case wherein the State Vs Leroy Bell & Jim Reid (Col'd) Charged with having hunted and shot on the Sabbath, the said on the way Conclusion and the party Come forward and plead guilty and I let them off by their paying the Cost which was assessed in strict accordance with the law bill provided in such Case,

I am with much respect
your Obdt Servant
L. F. Ward. J P

P. S.
your order was handed me after the Case was disposed of ——

NARA 283

War Department
Bureau R. & F. and A. L.
Claim Division
Washington Mar 16 1868

Howe A. P.

Bvt Maj Gen USA

Acknowledges receipt of papers in case of claim for bounty &c of within named man

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Rec'd Mar. 20. 1868
(B 132 - 1868)

NARA 204

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, March 16 1867.

Jno. C. Kundry Esq.
S. A. C. Bureau &c.
Montgomery, Ala.

Sir

I am directed by Major-General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty in the case of the following-named discharged soldiers:

Humphrey Sirton,	H	Co 137,	Regt.	U. S. C.			
Charles Woods (2nd)	D	" 137	"	"	"	"	"
Daniel Hickson	H	" 137	"	"	"	"	"
George Cook	K	" 10	"	"	"	A. G.	
Barry Thompson	D	" 137	"	"	"	D	
Samuel Hickson	H	" 137	"	"	"	"	"
Daniel Stone	H	" 137	"	"	"	"	"
Ira Holland	H	" 137	"	"	"	"	"
Eli Carter	D	" 137	"	"	"	"	"

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. P. Ketcham
Assistant Adjutant Gen.

Send to A. C. Ala

Dr Major Genl. Howard

NARA 285

Volcanoes Dist of Alabama
Office Q M B R & A D
Montgomery Mar 16 1868

Arthur W. C.

Ship Q M

Directs transfer of
200 Bushels Corn to S. S.
Gardner Sub Asst Com
Greenville Alabama

Rec'd Mar 17th 1868

NARA 206

Head Quarters, District of Alabama,

Office Chief Q. M. B. B., F. and A. L., State of Alabama,

Montgomery, Ala., March 14th 1868

Inv. C. Hendrix
Lieb. Asst. Comd.
Montgomery Ala

Sir

You will transfer to D. J. Gardener Lieb. Asst. Comd. Greenville Ala. the following stores for distribution to the destitute in his sub. Dist: to wit:

200 - Bushels of corn or corn meal.

By Command of
Bvt Brig Genl O. Hayden
P. Q. Master
Dist of S.

NARA 287

Montgomery Mar 16/68

Fuller H. B.

J. P.

Makes report in case of Edward Adams -vs- B. F. Parnell & W Parnell and A. E P Parnell

NARA 208

Montgomery Ala
March 16th 1868

Dear Sir -

The Plaintiffs in the case of Edward Adams vs B. F. Pamell, G. W. Pamell and D. A. & E. Pamell obtained a judgment against B. F. Pamell for the sum of 48/100 Dollars, &

The evidence was that B. F. Pamell rented and had complete control over the plantations. That neither G. W. Pamell or D. A. & E. Pamell had anything to do with it, except as the agent of the said B. F. Pamell, The evidence further shows that the one stack of Fodder levied upon to satisfy the above mentioned judgment, was sold to one Henry. P. Hodgpeth in the year month of January last. That said Hodgpeth was a laborer on said plantation, and that he owned said stack of Fodder in part payment of his wages. The levy was therefore disinjoined. So also was the suit against D. A. & E.

NARA 209

Pamell because she was a married woman
and the wife of the said B.W. No suit
can be brought against her in a Court
a law on such a claim, but the remedy
is in Equity. There was no evidence to
show that B.W Parnell had any thing to
do with the matter therefore Judgment
was rendered against said B.W Parnell
in favor of Reese for Services from
16th Jany 1867 to 3d Dec 1867 — 10 Month 17 days
At $8.00 per month $ 84.65

Less

Payment of Cash		5.00	
"	"	"	20.00
"	"	"	20.00
"	One Cow		15.00
Per account of Sundries		23.17	83.17
			48

Very Respy
Jno. W. Green JP

NARA 214

Deadyndlle Affam Dakotaborough
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Sturdevant Ad
Judge of Probate

States that he can find no
Such man as Thos Bulger
but will make enquiry at
the "holding of Court"

Rec'd Apl 13th 1808
EB 2 86—

NARA 211

Pedeaville. Miss
Probate judges office
March 18 1868

John C. Hendricks
Sub asst Commr.

Sir. I am informed that a certain negro man by the name of Emily has been recently murdered by such man in my the last two weeks and I will feel much obliged if you will attend to the matter and will also make enquiry, and if found will attend to the matter

very respectfully
your obt. Svt.
Allen P. Sturdevant

NHRH 212

War Dept Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington Mar 20 1868

Whiting E

A. A. Inspector Genl

State that Returns of Provision for February had been received and sent to Auditor for settlement

Rec'd Mar 26 1868

NARA 213

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, March 19th 1868.

Sir:

Your Statement of Provisions received, transferred, and distributed under Joint Resolution of Congress, approved March 30, 1867, "to prevent starvation," &c., for the months of February 1868

have been received and examined at this office, and sent to the Third Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard.

Very respectfully, &c.

E. Whittlesey
A. A. Inspector-General.

John C. Hendrix A.A.C.
Montgomery Ala.

NARA 214

Fort Deposit Ala
March 21 1868

Blake S

J. P.

Makes statement in case of Jasper Cook vs A F Goldsmith - relative to crop raised by Cook in 1867

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Recd March 23 1868 Rec'd March 23 1868

NARA 213

1868

John C. Hardin Fort Defiance March 21:

I find on investigation the matter referd to me of Jeffen Cook that he had mortgaged his entire crop raised on A F Goldsmith Plantation to Hamilton Cook & Olin of Greenville for supplies for the year 868, and he is indebted to the said firm of Hamilton Cook & Olin about Seventy five to one hundred and Twenty five Dollars and the said Cook turned over his crop he did not claim any portion for his wife and said firm elect to let him Eight Bushell of corn for Bread until he made arrangements. The Mortgage can be Produced at any time.

Your Respectfully

W Blake

Said Cook would not
come to the day appointed

NARA 216

Sub Dist of Eufaula
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Eufaula Ala Mar 23 1868

Benton H 26

Agent.

Makes Statement in case of Ellen Talbott (cold) suggests that R R ticket to Montgomery be purchased and forwarded for her.

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Recd Mar 26 1868

NARA 217

Sub. Dist. of Eufaula
Bureau &c
Eufaula Ala.
March. 23rd 1868

Mr. J. C. Hendrix
Sub. Asst. Commr. &c
Montgomery Ala.

Sir

Since the receipt of your first communication of date Feby. 12/68 every effort has been made to ascertain whether Elliott (col'd) was still in this City, and until yesterday I could hear nothing of her.

I am now informed that she (Ellen) is living with a white family in this City; but that it would be useless to send her money to pay her fare back to Montgomery, for she would probably squander it.

I would therefore suggest that a R. R. ticket for her, be purchased at Montgomery and forwarded to this office

I have the honor to be
Your &c J. S. H. Benton Capt.

NARA 218

Kingston Autauga Co
March 25- 1868

Boon B. F.

Requests information in regard to the issue of supplies in that County and enquires if same can be sent to him for distribution

Bvt Elk Page 22/68

Rec'd Mar 26 1868

NARA 219

Kingston Alabama Co.
March 15th 25 - 1868

Capt Schenck. etc

I was Agent last year to distribute rations for this County I have learned that people from my County are drawing from you I was solicited the other day by a number of Widowed Women to see you if you wouldent send them some Corn to Vernon as they have no means of teaching you only on foot if it is in the reach of your Power to send some Corn to Vernon at any order I will take Charge of the same and distribute it to the orphans and widows of this County that have no way to reach you At Montgomery I do Know that there are a number are now on the verge of Starvation

I Am

Yours very Respectfully

D Dean

NARA 220

Montgomery Ala
March 28- 1868

McIntyre Hamilton

Co- Sol

States that warrant has been issued in case submitted.

Received Mar 28- 1868

NARA 221

City March 25/68.

John C. Hendrix, Esq
Sub. Asst. Comm'r, &c,

Dear Sir:-

Your note of today is before me & contents noted.— A Warrant has been issued in the case submitted

I take great pleasure in endeavoring to put such characters "to rights."—

Papers returnable to next Term of the Court, April 22d/68.

Very Respectfully
Hamilton McIntyre
Co. Sol.

NARA 222

Letters Dist of Alabama
Office Insp Gen'l III B.R. 7th Corps A.L.
Vicksburg Miss Mar 28/68

Clothing H.C.

Insp Gen'l III Bureau

Transmits duplicate Invoices of Stores transferred pertaining to Bureau

Rec'd March 30th

NARA 223

Head Quarters, District of Alabama,

Office Chief Q. M. B. F., F. and A. L., State of Alabama,

Montgomery, Ala., March 2th 1865

Jno. C. Hendrix

Lieut. Asst-Com.

Montgomery Ala

Lieut.

Enclosed

find invoices duplicate of stores pertaining to Bureau transferred to you Please return signed receipts to correspond as soon as practicable.

Very Respectfully

H. C. Arthur

Chief Qr. Mr.

NARA 224

Hd Qrs Sub Dist Selma
Bureau R. F & A L.
Selma Ala May 28th 1866

Bartlett & C.
Asst Comm

Enclosed order issued upon Tax collector, Montgomery Ala - directing him to postpone sale of Dal Abbotts land for cause stated in instructions from Hd. Qrs. Bureau Montgomery Ala.

I / Enc

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Ltd March 30th

NARA 223

U.S. Int. Rev. Sub-Dist. List Selma
Bureau N. I. & A.
Selma Ala March 28th 1868

John C. Hendrix, Esq.
Asst. Ass't. Comm'r.
Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith copy of order issued from this office upon James H. Booth Int. Collector, Autauga Co. Ala; for your information and guidance.

As stated to me, it appears that James Abbott, c. paid a tax of sixty 60 cents on the land in question, for the year 1866; that, the tax assessor told him the tax for 1867 would be twenty five 25 cents; but, that, at the end of the year drew near, he was told there was a tax of eleven (11 dollars due thereon, which he was unable to pay on account of school monies.

I would also say that I am informed, that the deed of this land conveying it from Henry S. Leech James Abbott, has been destroyed, and his Abbotts efforts to obtain a new one has proved unsuccessful.

Please acknowledge receipt & oblige.

Very Respectfully

(over)

NARA 226

Jos. H. Scott
Capt. Battalion
Asst. Adjt. Genl.

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NARA 227

(Enclosure)

NARA 228

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Hd Qrs. Sub Dist. Selma
Bureau. R.C.A. and A.L.
Selma Ala May 28th 1866

James H. Booth Esq
Tax Collector, Autauga Co, Ala

Sir

It having been represented to this office that a certain tract of land, containing seventy (70) acres more or less located near Miller Autauga, Co. Ala., the property of James Abbott, colored is to be sold by you on or about the 6th of April next for alleged to be due thereon, and it appearing that the same is prohibited, and not assessed in accordance with the laws regulating the assessment of taxes, you are hereby directed to postpone the sale of this property until further instructions from Hd. Qrs. Bu. R.F.&A.L. at Montgomery Ala to which office this case has been reported.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Thos. H. Burnett
Sub Asst Comm

True Copy
Thos. H. Burnett
Sub Asst Comm.

NARA 229

Statement of crop of Sol. Robinson's Squad
Year 1867

39 B. cotton averaging 450 lbs each		
Aggregate weight — 17901 lbs		
gross value of cotton @20cts —		3580.20
Whole amt of corn made by this squad		
461 Bushels @ 1.00 pr B. —		461.00
Fodder 1800 lbs @ 1.00 pr 100 lbs		18 00
		4059 20
Expenses		
Bagging & Ties at 3.00 pr B.	117	
Freight on R. R. @ 1.50 p B.	58,50	
Drayage @ 2/	9,75	
Storage for six months @ 1.00	117 00	
Commissions @ 2½ pr ct	89.50	
		391.75
Insurance (not known now)		3] 3668,45
Of which Squad is entitled to 1/3		— 1222,48
This Squad owns as Squad		
Cinda Brooks a/c	38.75	
2 Bots Denim @ 4,00	8 00	
1 gal. Castor oil	3.00	
		49.75
12] To be divided among		1173.73
Amt due each hand		97.49

Miles is entitled to only 3/4 hands part, because he was elected as 3/4 hand by the head of his squad and the superintendent; and with that I have nothing to do — he was a tripling hand. E. H. P.

NARA 230

Mount Meigs Ala
April 1st 1868

Brewer R. H.

States that School
Teacher can be obtained
and asks an appropriation
of $30. per Month for support
of same also requests a
supply of books for the
[redacted]

1 April —

B 17 E 13 page 221
Read April 28 1868

NARA 231

Mound Meigs April 1st 1868

Mr Hendricks.
Superintendent of B.F. & A.G

Dear Sir

I can procure the service of a very good Teacher of thirty years experience if you can get an appropriation of $25. or $30) twenty five or per month thirty dollars and have the premise of fifty or more scholars to commence with and from the notoriety of the Teacher no doubt will have seventy five soon. I hope you will exert your self that we may not ~~loose~~ loose the opportunity of procuring the teacher. I have a Sabath School of over one hundred & fifty scholars please send me all the books you can gather up we are in great need of books in addition to the list of books I would like very much to have several Libraries of small Reading books Can you not come out next Sunday Morning. If you can make an appropriation for the day School let me know by my son if you can not let me know by him come out on Sunday the Teacher is ready to commence the day School on Monday next. he is a citizen of our Village and well qualified but think best for the School to be under my direction for reasons that I will explain when I see you. Respectfully R H Brown

NARA 232

Talladega County Ala
April 4th 1868

Darrell Chas T.

Reporting the assaulting and
whipping of a Col woman
named Jane from Dadeville
by Jonathan P. Murray and
Chas McClure on the
30th of March last - &c

Read Apr 6th 68

Hd Qrs 3d Sub of A. 1868

State of Ala. Q. M. G. O. F. & A. G.
Montgomery April 3 1868

Respectfully referred to John
C Henley Sub Asst Commy
Montgomery Ala for investigation
and report

By order of
Bvt Maj Gen O. L. Shepherd

Capt & Asst Adjt Gen

Chas. H. Smith
Maj & A. A. Gen'l

NARA 233

Maj Gen Wadsworth -

Talladega County
April 1st 1868

O D Kennan Sub asst of Freedsmen Bureau of Alabama On the Night of the 30th of march last One Jonathan D Murry and Charles McClemer in this County Come to my house and took by force a colored woman by the name of Jane formely the property of William Hubbard and carried her about a mile tied her to a fence, and beat her unmercifully with large switches from the effects of which she is confined to her bed, the woman nearly ready to be confined in child bead the woman Jane was working for the said Murry aued left him so she says for improper treatment the woman is afraid to make complaint before the Courts of the County as her life would be in danger for murry is a desperate character, indeed I would not be safe to report the case to an Officer as he would no doubt do me damage in person or property and have thought it proper to report the case to the Milatary authorities as it would be much more safe for me I do not want my name known in the case more then a witness as I would not be safe Please gave the case some notise

April 1st 1868

John G Farrell

NARA 234

Probate Office
Union Springs Ala
April 2d 1868

M Call D.C.

Judge of Probat

Acknowledges receipt of
Communication of Mar 30
States that process was issued
under C.C. No 13 - returnable 2d
Monday in April
Also states that in case of
Jams Drake vs Jams Vaughn
the plaintiff has not yet
appeared so that no action
has been taken as the account
is not known

Rec'd April 6th 1868

NARA 235

Probate Office Union Springs Ala
2d April 1868

Inspr J. L. Hendrix
Asst Comr &c

Sir

Yours of 30th March 168
was received this morning, and immediately handed
D. H. Smith Esq. who issues process under Sec
13. returnable 2d Monday in this month; when a
hearing is had he will report to you the result

B. H. Whitehurch a Coln. has instructions
P. J. Sayre resides in Montgomery, and under the
law could not be sued until six months from
the date of Commissioners appointment, which time has
not yet elapsed. Hence I shall not feel justified
to proceed under Sec 13. hoping thereby
to bring about a proper settlement of the claim
of Lee Griffin

I have to day also received a communi-
cation from you directing the County Collector
to investigate an alleged Assault & Battery by
James Baugh in the person of James Drake

I do not know who the accused is and the
accuser James Drake has not appeared as yet,
whenever he does so, or the necessary information
can be obtained the matter shall be fully

Probate Office
Union Springs Ala
April 2d 1868

M Call D.A.

Judge of Probate

Acknowledges receipt of
Communication of Mar 30
States that Process was issued
under G.O. No 13 - returnable 2d
Monday in April
Also states that in case of
Jann Drake vs Jann Vaught
the plaintiff has not yet
appeared so that no action
has been taken as the account
is not known

Rec'd April 6th 1868

Provisional Appointee. And Not
Elected.
Assistant to Asst Supt
Bureau Ref. Freedmen
Gen Supt Ref. Freedmen
Washington D.C.
Judge of Probate

NARA 237

Montgomery Ala
April 3/1868

Uzzatt. St. R. R.

Makes Statement in case of colored boy - Griffin - and requests that he be placed in care of Isaac Blount

Re
Read April 7/1868

Montgomery Ala April 3rd 1868

Gen Swayne
Supt Freedmens Bureau

Sir

I have taken charge of the case of Griffin a colored boy who was arrested on the charge of stealing a mule from Isaac Blount. Griffin is in the employ of Isaac Blount. He is a hand on the U. S. R. R. Uzzatt

NARA 238

To Mr Hendricks
Freedmans Bureau.

Sometime during the closing months of the year 1867, there came to the house of Isaac Blount a respectable Colored man of this city— a poor colored boy in destitute and great need. Actuated by a spirit of humanity, the said Blount took him in, & Blounts wife "Peggy" gave him food, & finding him in a most wretched condition of filth had him washed and furnishing him with clean clothing gave him a bed. Sept morning finding that the boy was homeless and destitute, Blount & Peggy agreed to keep the boy by name Griffin— and take care of him. This they did to my positive knowledge, until about two or three weeks ago, when one Dr Prather, a drunken, boisterous Negro man who claims to have control of Griffen because he had "taken up" with Griffins mother when Griffin was but six or seven years old and afterwards abandoned him— came to the house of Blount & by swearing & blustering & threats compelled

NARA 239

Blount to give up to Wm Prather
the boy Griffin. three days ago
Griffin ran away from Mr Prather
and came to my residence where
he now is.

Isaac Blount is willing
again to take Griffin and provide
for him provided you will give
him an assurance in writing
that he can keep the boy without
having Prather to take him
whenever it suits his fancy.

I respectfully recommend
that You place Griffin in the
care of Isaac Blount.

April 3rd 18[illegible]

St. R. R. M'Natt

NARA 246

Sub Dist of Greenville
Bureau R. F. & A.L.
Greenville Ala Apl 7/68

Mark Jno. A. Klink

States that the Sub Asst Comr. is absent on a tour of inspection in his Sub Dist and for this reason the rects. for Corn have not been forwarded.

Received April 8th 1868 O.S.A.C.

NARA 241

Sub Dist of Greenville
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Greenville Ala. Apl. 7th 1868

Mr. Jno. C. Hendrix
Sub Asst Comr.

Sir,

I have the honor to State that Saml. S. Gardner Sub Asst Comr. for this Sub Dist. is at present on a tour of inspection in his Sub District, and has been absent about ten days.

No Correct report of the Stores Shipped to him on the 18th inst. Can be made until his return; which will probably be to-morrow.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servt
Jno. A. Nash
Clerk for Sub Asst Comr.

of them will have the hardy[illegible]
and they have their accounts with me.

If you can set some time in the future when I can attend, I will do so with pleasure. —Please inform me—

My respectfully
Yr obt St.
E. H. Pritchett

Hagerstown Md
April 7th 68

Pritchett E H

Sanitary Statement
of court raised &c by
Lt Robinson Squad

Read April 9/68

NARA 243

Heaynesville Ala.
apl 7th, 68

Mr I. C. Hendrix
Sub. agent. Comr Dr Sir- Yours of 6th inst.
was handed me this morning, requiring me
to call at your office to make an equitable
settlement with some of my hands- I would chearfully do so, if I were able, I have been confined
to my bed with serious illness for the last four weeks
and it is impossible that I could get to Montgomery
unless carried on a pillow, on friday next. I have
no objection to have you make the settlement over
again, indeed would have greatly preferred
at first, as it would not only have been less unpleasant to me, but would have saved me money.
I know I made not only a just but liberal settlement with them- Instead of forcing them to settle
long ago, when they and me double what their
crop was worth, I held it for them until it was
worth 20 cts and gave them all the advantages
of the rise- The man Miles was elected by the head
of his Squad, (who is also his step father) and
by the Boss the Superintendent as a 3/4 hand on
account of the trifling character of his working
qualities and then of course he was chargable
with 1/4 of his rations according to contract and
he did not even pay out- They are very ignorant
Creatures and do not understand, when they
are treated justly- For my own part I think

NARA 249

that I shall lose 4 or 5 Thousand dollars by the Yeas work, nevertheless they are entitled to the full benefit of thier contract—

I herewith send a full and fair statement of thier crop, which I do not think that any of them will have the handyhood to deny— and they have thier accounts with me.

If you can set some time in the future when I can attend, I will do so with pleasure —Please inform me—

My respectfully
Yr obt St.
E. H. Pritchett

NARA 245

Head Quarters Dist. of Ala.
Offic Chf Qm B.R.F.&A.L.
Montgomery Ala Apl 7/1868

Archer M.C.

Chf Qm.

Transmits transportation
for Francis Murphy
from Montgomery to
Newburn N.C.

Rec'd at 8th 1868

NARA 246

Head Quarters, District of Alabama,

Office Chief Q. M. B. Y.. F. and A. L., State of Alabama,

Montgomery, Ala., Apl 7 186

Thos C Hendrix Esq

Sub Asst Quarm

Montgomery Ala

Sir-

I have the honor to transmit herewith

Transportation for Frances Murphy

from Montgomery ala To Newbury S.C

and Receipt for same for your Signature

and return -

Please refer Nancy Colquitt - to the office -

in order that information may be derived as to

the manner of her Transportation - to Tarrant. Texas

It awaits her personal - interview - in order to be -

issued -

Resp'y

W C Arthur

Capt.

NARA 247

State of Ala Bldwin Co
Office of Clk
Montgomery Ala April 8th 1848

Archer Col USA.
Clk Genl

Requests that Abstract & Vouchers of property returned be forwarded—

Recd April 10th 1848

NARA 248

Head Quarters, District of Alabama,

Office Chief Q. M. B. B.. F. and A. L., State of Alabama,

Montgomery, Ala., April 8th 1867

Inv. C. Hendrix
Qub. asst. Com
Montgomery Ala

Sir

You will

Please forward to this Office without
delay voucher. 4- Abs "E" and voucher
4 Abs. "N" of your return of Bureau
Stores for March 1867. For file with
2 accts.

Very Respectfully

W. C. Luther

Chief Cl. Mr

NARA 243

Plantation Aug 9 1868

Stewart James R

States that Geo Franklin (col) has left his (Stewarts) plantation thereby violating his contract. and requests that he may be returned

Recd O.S.A.C. Aug 9th 1868
E.P. Hood Bvt Lt Col

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tony Carson
is at Mr
- Oak Grove
ny + Enfield
James R Stewart

NARA 234

Plantation Apl 9/18

Capt J C Hunnicutt

Dear Sir

The man George Franklin that I was speaking to you about some time since who contracted with me and worked on my Plantation for more than a month has gone to Mr George Jeffkin's Plantation and is working there. He fainted sick up, the day before he left and was lying up in his house; the next morning he left the plantation without saying any thing to me about it; and has been gone ever since - I wish Captn, you would send for him to-morrow as there is a negro going up there on

NARA 231

Saturday who will tell
him I am trying to get
him, and he will slip
off. He is the 5th one
that has left my place
without any provocation
and their running, abili-
ty to violate their contract
has very much demoral-
ized some of the balance
of my Hands — The parties
whome you send, by
going to Mr James Judkins
at Mt Meigs will be
directed to Mr Geo Judkins
plantation so that they can
finde it without trouble.
The 4 others, that have left-
me are George Carson
Henry Carson Aaron
Willaby and Jack Latter
whome you sent to Mr
Oliver's after, Henry Carson
I am satisfied is at Mr
Jason Jone's at Oak Grove
on the Montgomery & Eufaula
Rail Road Respy &c James R Stewart

NARA 232

Sub Dist. Off Greenville
Bureau R. F. & L.
Greenville Ala Apl 9. 1868

Gardner Saml. S.
Sub Asst Comr.

Transmits receipts &c for
Eleven Thousand two
Hundred Pounds of Corn.

Rec'd April 13" 1868

NARA 233

Sub Dist. of Greenville
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Greenville Ala. Apl. 9. 1868

Capt. John. C. Hendrix
Sub Asst. Comr.
Captain

I have the honor herewith to transmit rects. for Eleven thousand two hundred pounds of Corn.

I at first delayed signing the receipts for a few days to have the exact amount of the Corn ascertained, and then inadvertantly neglected it until I started on a tour of inspection the last of March.

I just returned last night, and forward immediately

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt
Henry S. Gardner
Sub Asst. Comr.

NARA 234

Hd Qrs State of Ala Brigade
Office Aid de Camp
Montgomery Ala Apl 9th 1818

Arthur W C
Col & Aid de Camp

Desires that return of Sick
Refugees Camp must be
forwarded.

Rec'd ahe 10th 1818

NARA 233

State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER.

Montgomery, Ala., April 9th 1868.

Mr. J. C. Sandrix
Sub Apt. Gen.

Sir:

Please send Reports of the Operations of your Soup House for the preceding month

And Oblige

Yours Respectfully
H. C. Curtiss
A. C. S. B. R. F. L.
State of Ala.

NARA 236

Daniel, Talahassa Co
April 10th 1868

Olivia J.M.
Atty at Law

State of Ala J.B. McDonald is
absent on duty in Chambers Co
will attend to the case of
Assault & Battery and Slander
of said woman by Murray & Roy
as soon as he returns.

Rec'd Apr 13/68

NARA 237

Dauphin Ala,
April 10th 1868

Bvt. J. C. Kinsman
Sub. asst. Comm.
Montgomery Ala.

Sir.

Bvt. Lieut. J. B. McDonald has received a letter from Geo. W. Bruce and Charles M. Cleveland, Lewis & Jerry Scruby states a Colored woman by the name of Jane, and in fifty Can only State for. McDonald is now absent on official duty in the County of Chambers, the Courts for that County being now in Session, and as soon as he returns will attend to the matter promptly. I am inclined to the opinion that the parties reside in

NARA 258

Schuyler County.

I am this day employed for this County.

Nothing Much this will explain the cause of delay.

I am Sir,
Respectfully Your
Obt. Svt.
L. M. Oliver

NHRH 239

Ohio Pike Co. ats
April 12th 18

Silas D. P.

States that he has complied with instructions from Pike Co Sub Roth of recent county; as regard the proceeds of the Court of Eat of S Silas Young Deceased

NHKH 260

Orion Ala
April 12th 1868

L. C. Hendrix Esq
Dear Sir

I recived a letter from you a few days ago, instructing me to keep in my possession all monies I have on account of the sale of cotton belonging to Young Johnson (cold) and Peter Lee (cold),

I have complied with the above, and am ready to make a settlement with the aforesaid parties.

I am yours very respectfully
P. P. Siler

NARA 261

Sub-Dist. of Montgomery.
Montgomery Ala April 8th 1868.

Hendrick J. le.
Sub-Asst. Commr.

Applies for the "discharge certificate" of Henry Wyatt late of the 51st U.S.C. Troops which was left with W. W. D. Turner.

E. and M. 155, S.D. of M. 1868.

Sub-District of Mobile
Bureau of R. Hand A.L.
Mobile Ala. April 10th 1868.

Respectfully returned to W. W. D. Turner for reply, with this paper to be returned through this office.

James Gillette
Brvt. Maj. U.S.A.
Sub-Asst. Commr.

Mobile ala april 11/68

Respectfully returned to Brevet Maj. James Gillette U.S. Army Sub apt Comr. with information that Henry Wyatts discharge was sent to Washington city with his application for Bounty and has not yet been returned to me nor his Bounty paid.

W. W. D. Turner
Atty at Law

E. and M. 163 Vol. II. S.D. of Mo. 1868.

Sub-Dist. of Mobile
Bureau of R. Hand A.L.
Mobile Ala. April 13th 1868.

Respectfully returned to the Sub-Asst. Comr. at Montgomery with reference to the Endorsement of W. W. D. Turner Atty. at Law.

James Gillette
Brvt. Maj. U.S.A.
Sub-Asst. Commr.

Rec'd Mobile Ala April 17th 68.

NARA 262

Montgomy Ala
Nov. 28. 1866

Recd. of Henry Wyatt, a Receipt given him for his Discharge prepd by W. H. K. Turner July 27th 1866

A. E. Buck

been made at this office by Henry Wyatt (late of Co 51st U. S. C. Troops) for the recovery of his "discharge certificate, which was left with Wm W. H. K. Turner of Mobile City - for collection of bounty.

"As will be seen by the enclosed receipt, he obtained the original receipt (for said "discharge certificate") to Mr A. E. Buck (also of Mobile) since which time he has not heard from either parties.

He desires that you obtain said discharge and forward the same to him at this place through this Office.

Yours Respectfully
J. C. Sedrick
Sub Asst Commissioner

NARA 263

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Sub-District of Montgomery,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

Montgomery, Ala., April 8th, 1868.

Major Danl Gillette
Capt 15th Infty Bvt Maj U.S.A.
Sub Asst Commissioner
Mobile Ala

Major;

I have the honor to state, that application has been made at this office by Henry Ugall (late of the 51st U. S. C. Troops) for the recovery of his "discharge certificate, which was left with Wm W. N. D. Turner of Mobile City - for collection of bounty.

It will be seen by the enclosed receipt, he delivered the original receipt (for said "discharge certificate") to Mr A. E. Buck - (also of Mobile) since which time he has not heard from either parties.

He desires that you obtain said discharge and forward the same to him at this place through this Office.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J. C. Hendrick
Sub Asst Commissioner

NARA 264

Eluane Co Robinson Ships
April 13th 1868

Hall W B.
Justice of the Peace

States that in case of Simon Pearce & certain freedmen (viz) McNutt & Nick he can find no property of said Pearce to levy on — now

Recd May 19 1868

Recd May 19th 1868

May J C Hendrix
Sub assistant Commissioner
Freedmens Bureau
Montgomery
Ala

NARA 265

Robinson Springs April 15 68

Dear Sir

Yours of the 7th Inst this Day Received. I hasten to Reply — May Peace has no property that I can get hold of. I have Made diligent Enquiry, and can hear of no Effects belonging to May Peace, he however Says that he will Make Satisfactory Settlement with you — he will be to See you immediately, I have done all in my power to have the matter adjusted, will do any thing you Request or Order. If I can do anything more please let me hear from you immediately ——— Aron Pastell & Fedmon has complained to me that a Mr Mumford a Mrs Booth living in Autauga are Justly owing him for Labor as the parties do not live in my County please let me know what action I must take, he says the parties live so far off he cannot attend Court, —

Yours Resp Wm B Hall J P

Beat No 10 Elmore County

P S From the Evidence that I can get I think May Peace has no intention of swindling Mr Fedmon out of their just Claims, and I think will Satisfy you

Wm B Hall

NARA 266

Annie Pike Co. ala

Baldwin G.E.

States that he bought 6 Bales of the Cotton of the crop of Est of S Silv. and is ready to make the proper division between Young Johnson (cold) Etals.

Recd Mch 23rd 1868

Mr J C Hendrix Agent Freedmans Beaureau
Montgomery Ala

Dear Sir

I bought six Bales cotton from
1 & Pickett. employer for the Estate of S. Siler
1 Contract. Laborer to find himself and
to receive one half the crop. Young
Johnson draws four shares of the
Laborer's half Peter = the complainant
draws three shares of the Laborers half
Mr Pickett the employer and seller
authorised me to settle with the
laborers upon the above basis
which I am ready to do

Yours Respectfully
G E Baldwin

NARA 268

State of Ala Barracks
Office C.S.A.
Montgomery Ala Aug 16th 1864

Arthur Col W.C.
C.S. Guard

Mr. Sanders Lands that Overseer
Desires Leave at Cold Muddish
Church and says he owes me, and are
being discharged. Desires to know
if he is responsible for them, I
must he will send for them.

Reed Aug 17th 1864

NARA 269

STATE OF ALABAMA,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.

Montgomery, Ala., April 16th 1868.

Capt J. C. Hendrix
Sub. Asst. Com.
Dist of Ala.

Sir;

I understand that there are several desks and seats belonging to the "Bureau" and for which you are responsible, at the Colored Methodist Church on Cor of Holcomb & St which are not in use and being destroyed. This property was furnished R by Rev. Mr Bucks and — if not ow your papers please notify me, so that I can send for them.

Yours Respty
W. Clift Lee
Chf Ops Mr

NARA 270

Sub Dist of Selma Bureau S
Selma ala April 16th 66

Bartlett 6th
Sub Asst Comm

States that Perry Hillsheard
a Blacksmith Shop was from 1862
Lever adminis. and that Mr Lever &
Mr Kelly both claim rent. & that
they have ordered him away for
not paying the rent. inclosed copy
of the Lease

Ans 1 Enclosure

Received April 21st 1866

NARA 271

A. Qrs. Sub. Dist. of Selma
Ensign. R. I. and A. S.
Selma, Ala, April 16" 1868

Maj Jas. C. Hedrick
Sub Asst Comm.
Montgomery, Ala

Dear Sir,

Perry Hill, c, shows me a lease certificate (copy enclosed herewith) given him by Mr Lowe, admr. of Bentley Lowe Estate, at Benton, Lowndes Co. Ala, and states that two parties, Mr Lowe and Mr Kelly, claim rents of this property that Mr Lowe, has ordered him away, because he would not pay rent to him. This not being within my jurisdiction I refer it for your action, to determine who is the proper person to receive the rent of this property. I have written to Mr Lowe (H.B) to allow Perry possession of the premises until the matter should be reported to you and the right person determined upon, to collect the rent

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Chas. C. Daniell
Sub-Asst. Commy.

NARA 272

(Enclosure)

NARA 273

This is to certify that Perry Hill, a freedman, has rented the Blacksmith Shop, Tools, Houses and Lots in the town of Benton for the year one thousand Eight hundred and sixty eight, belonging to the Estate of Bentley Sever, dec'd.

Jan. 11th 1868

(Signed) H. B. Sever, adm.

True Copy

Chas. C. Bartlett

Sub. Asst. Commr.

NARA 274

War Dept
Bureau R. B. R. & L. Claim Division
Washington D.C. April 13th 1868

Have Genl A.P.

Bvt Maj Genl U.S.A

States that the Claim of
Gelderoy Brown is sustained
at 2d Auditors Office for evidence
of two witnesses showing that the
Claimant and Mother of deceased
are living together in the same
domicile at the present time
and that Claim and had the
care of custody and support of
the family deceased soldier
minded.

Hd Qrs. State of Ala 1868.

State of Ala. Bu R. F. and A. L.
Montgomery Ala Apl 19. 1868.

Respectfully referred to
Jno. C. Hendrick. Sub Asst
Comr Montgomery Ala, for
the evidence desired
By order of
Bvt Brig Gen O. L. Shepherd,

Geo Shockley.
Capt 15th Infy. Bvt Maj USA
A A A G

RECEIVED
JUN 1 1868
OFFICE ASS'T COMR

Sub Dist of Montgomery B.R.F. & A.L.
Montgomery Ala May 11th 1868.

Respectfully returned to Genl
A.P. Howe. Bvt Maj Genl U.S.A. Chief
Office A. G. (Ala) with corrections
and evidence as required.

Sub Asst Commr

NARA 275

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, D. C., April 13th 1868.

Bvt. Brig. Genl. O. L. Shepherd, U.S.A.

Asst. Comm'r Bu'rs,

Montgomery, Ala.

General:

I am directed to inform you that the Second Auditor of the Treas. ury under date of the 9th instant, re. fers the claim of Gilroy Brown, father of Anderson Brown, deceased, late of Co. "E" 136th Regt. U. S. C. Troops, suspended for evidence of two witnesses showing that claimant and mother of deceased are living together in the same domicile at the present time, as husband and wife, and that claimant had the care, custody and support of the family, deceased soldier included.

Claimant's Post-Office address is:

NARA 276

"Montgomery, Ala."

With the evidence please return this letter.

I am, General
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant
A. P. Howe
Bvt. Maj: Genl. U. S. A.

C.D.
695.

NARA 277

Haywood County
April 17th 1868

Keeter & W

Solicitor Lowndes Co

States that in the case of
Roderick Brown being arraigned
ed by Mr Leffler he has been
sick against the latter to com-
ence on the 27th of April at which
time he will attend court as
same—

Received April 20th 1868

NARA 278

Haynsville, ala. April 17th 1868

Mr J. C Hendrix

Sub ast. Commissioner,

Sir

Your Communication in reference to assault & battery Committed by Mr. Leffler on Redrick Brown (Cold) has been received, and prosecution Commenced in County Court. Process made returnable at next Term of said court April 27th after which time if the party is arrested I will be able to report result.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servant

J. W. Keister

Solicitor for Lowndes County

- Ala -

NARA 279

Dadeville ala Dallapsua Co
April 7th 1868

Wm Gunnals Jr
County Solicitor

States that he is unacquainted with Jonathan P Murray who committed assault upon woman Jane. will make further enquiries about him.

Read Apr 18: 68

NARA 280

Dadeville Tallapoosa County
Alabama April 17th 1868.

Lt. Hendrix Sub Asst Com'r

Dear Sir

Your communi-
-cation of the 6th April has just been receiv-
-ed, owing to my absence attending my
official duties in Circuit Court of
Chambers County - In reply I will
State that I am unacquainted with
the parties to whom you refer. No such
men live near Dadeville as far as I
can learn - Mr Farrell, I think, lives
in Chambers County near the line
of this County, Ala.
I shall continue to make enquiry about
the parties and do the best I can to bring
the parties to justice - The great difficul
-ty in this matter is that we have no

NARA 281

Sheriffs in his counties to execute
process - and I am compelled to be
absent the next four weeks in
attendance on the Circuit-Court
in Lee and Russell Counties. to
prosecute other offenders indicted by
the Grand Juries of those Counties.
I will be in Montgomery this day
week and will call on you and
get the details of this affair and if
some plan cannot be arranged by
which we can get a Sheriff to execute
the process for the parties - My Official
duties as Solicitor of the 7th Judicial
Circuit require me to be absent
the next four weeks, and if you
wish immediate action, I would
respectfully suggest that these par-
-ties can be arrested and tried by
the Judge of the County Court,
and that Henry N. Garrett Esqr
is the County Solicitor of Talla-
-poosa County, and a gentleman who
will do his duty in the premises, if required of him.

NARA 282

If they are tried in the Circuit Court, they will have to be arrested and bound over by a magistrate to appear before the next Grand Jury in September. If the Grand Jury finds a true Bill or indictment, then it becomes my duty to prosecute the case. Owing to the disorganized condition of Society I have been aiding by my advice, and prosecuting parties before the Justices of the Peace, when I thought the public good required it. I think that the case mentioned in your favor ought to be prosecuted, and if I can get an officer who will execute a warrant, and can learn the place of residence of these parties I will do all I can to bring them up for trial.

I remain very respectfully
Your obt Servant
Jos F. McDonald
Sol 9th Judicial Circuit

NARA 283

Office Probate Judge Autauga Co Ala
Kingston Ala April 18/68

Dear Sir Hon G.W.
Judge of Probate Autauga Co

States that in the case of Thos Jackson's grand daughter Lizzie (who was apprenticed by him to Col Wash Lacy) the order apprenticeing her, has been revoked and she is now with Jackson c/c

Rec'd April 25th 1868.

NARA 284

Office of Probate Judge
Montgomery Autauga Co Ala
April 18th 1868

Capt J C Hendrix
Asst Asst Genl &c.

Sir,

Your Communication of the 8th of Apl. Inst, is this day received, In which you say "the case of Thos Jackson (Cold) is respectfully referred to me for investigation & action as per G O No 3 Hd qrs Dept of Ala series of 1867" and that "he complains that his grand-daughter "Lizzie" is in the possession of Col Mark Lamy and he refuses to deliver #1 her to him", &c,

In reply, I have to say that I find on the 9th Oct 1866 W T Lamy filed his petition in this office to have Lizzie apprenticed to him, setting forth that she was about seven years of age, and had neither father or mother known to be living, and that he had

NARA 285

buy
the former owner, &c. The Judge of this
Court believing under the circumstances
it would be for the best interest of Lizzie
she was appointed to him, under
the laws of this State, upon his giving
the necessary bond,

Now upon the receipt
of your Communication, and upon
the application of Thos Jackson I
have revoked the order appointing
Lizzie to Mr Lacy, and have ordered
to Mr Lacy a notice of the fact in
a letter directed to Thomas Jackson
at Prattville Ala,

I would further say that Thomas
Jackson did not bring your letter
in person but sent it by another
Colored man, with verbal directions
that I write to him at Prattville
which I have done as above,

I suppose this is the only action it
is necessary I should take in the matter
Hoping it may prove satisfactory, I remain very
Respectfully Your Mst Obt Svt. G W Duncan
Judge

NARA 286

War Dept Bureau A Fra'd L
Office Chief Clerk
Washington DC April 20th

Whittlesey. Gen H.M.
Chief Clerk B.R.F.A.L.

Acknowledges receipt of Post
erly Return for March and that
the same has been sent to 3rd Auditor
for settlement.

Received April 23rd 1868

NARA 287

[Form 3.]

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Washington, April 20th, 1868.

Sir:

Your **PROPERTY** *Account "Stores pertaining to the Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands" for the month of* March, 1868, *has been received, examined, and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination and settlement.*

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Chief Quartermaster, Bureau R., F., & A. L.

To Jno. C. Hendrix.
S. A.
Montgomery, Ala.

NARA 288

W. G Brewer, J. P.
Macon Co, Ala

April 21- 1868-

Please to issue a writ of habeas corpus, under the seal of the Circuit Court of Macon County, directed to Col. Wm. Gunn, Commanding Post at Tuskegee, Ala. requiring him to have and produce before me, at my office in Tuskegee, Ala. on the 23rd inst. at 10 o'clock A.M. the body of Richard Cheek, a prisoner in the custody of said Gunn, by virtue of a pretended order of arrest issued by him, and to abide such order as I may make in the premises.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 21st day of April 1868.

W. G. Brewer, J. P.

Returned 23rd

NARA 289

3.

Tuskegee Ala. April 21st 1868.

To the Agent Freedmans Bureau
Montgomery, Ala

Dear Sir,

As a citizen of Macon County, and Justice of the Peace of the same, I respectfully represent to you, that, there are numbers of persons both white and black, in this County who are destitute of provisions, and if you have no arrangements for distributing County, providing for the distribution of provisions to those who may be in need, I would appeal to you to establish at this place or any other in our county line- it suitable to yourself, an agency, subject to your orders, through which the wants of the suffering may be supplied

Very Respectfully
W. G. Brewer

NARA 290

If it becomes necessary that the statement contained in this letter, shows need any further confirmance, I can make a report to you, signed by any number of citizens, and duly certified by a Justice of the Peace, that such is the case as I have written you.

Respectfully

W. G. B.

in Court: "Judgment for Perry Hill-
& order of restitution issued to
Sheriff to put him in possession
of Black smith shop and premises"
signed P. H. Cook
J. P.

Which is most respectfully
reported

Barney W Graham
Judge of Probate

April 21 - 1868
Mandamus

NARA 292

Sub-District of Montgomery.

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

Montgomery, Ala., April 21st 1868.

Hon Jas W Graham
Judge of Probate
Lowndes Co Ala
Haynneville Ala

Judge

Complaint has been made at this Office in which it is represented that Mrs M.B. Lewis Admrx for Estate of Burley Lewis deceased, leased to Perry Hill (freedman) a Blacksmith Stock Tools &c belonging Lowndes Co Ala (a copy of lease above said enclosed) since which time two partis named Mr Lewis and a Mr Kelly, and as he the said Hill failed to pay the rent has been ordered from the place.

The case is most respectfully referred to you for investigation and action. You will please see that the said Hill is allowed the right of a Jury, also that he is notified to whom he must pay the rent.

Please report your action at this Office as soon as practicable and

NARA 293

Haynesville Ala, May 9/68

P.C. Hendricks - sub Asst Commissioner; -

Montgomery Alabama,

Sir: The within case was this day brought before P. H. Cook a justice of the Peace who makes to me the following report of his decision to wit: "Judgement for Perry Hill & order of restitution issued to Sheriff to put him in possession of Black smith shop and premises" signed P. H. Cook J. P.

Which is most respectfully reported,

Perry W Graham
Judge of Probate

Apr 21 - 1868

Haynesville Ala

Dear Sir

I am told you are

P. C. Hendricks

Sub Asst Commissioner

NARA 294

Washington D.C.
April 21. 1868.

The
Commissioner
—
Acknowledges receipt
of accts.

Rec'd Ap 28 '68

NARA 295

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, April 21st, 1868.

Sir:

Your Statement of Provisions received, transferred, and distributed under Joint Resolution of Congress, approved March 30, 1867, "to prevent starvation," &c., for the months of March 1868

Also an account of Sales as per Special order No 94

have been received and examined at this office, and sent to the Third Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard.

Very respectfully, &c.

A. Wellington

A.A. Inspector-General.

John C. Hendrix & Co.
Montgomery Ala

NARA 296

Ad Co Sub Dist of Selma
Office Sub Asst Comr
Selma April 22" 1868

Bartlett C.C.
Sub Asst Commissioner

State that Dorcas Morrow
complains that her daughter
Cree Jones is living with
Mrs Eddie Jones near Farmers
Lowndes Co and that Mrs Jones
refuses to allow Cree to live
with her mother who needs her help
and that Mrs Jones has no right
to Cree

Recvd April 24" 1868

NARA 297

Headquarters, Sub-District of Selma,
BUREAU R., F. & A. L.,
Office Sub. Dist. A. D. C.

Selma, Ala. April 22d 1868.

John C. Hendrix Esq.
Sub-Asst. Commr. &c
Montgomery, Ala.

Sir;

I have Monroe &. represents to this office, through his counsel, Lewis Brown &, that his daughter, Grace Dowd, &., who is fourteen years of age, is now living with Mrs Ellis Dowd, near Farmersville, Lowndes Co. and that Mrs Dowd refuses to allow the girl to live with her mother (Dorcas), who needs her help. It is further represented that Mrs Dowd has had the child bound to her, upon her statement that the mother was dead. &c &c.

This case coming properly within your jurisdiction is respectfully referred to you for your action

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Chas. H. Parker
Sub Asst. Commr.

NARA 298

Abbeville Alabama
April 24th 1868

McDonald No 13.
Solicitor 9th Judl Circuit

States that upon investigation he thinks that the woman Jane was whipped on Chambers Co and not in Dadeville. suggest that the case be referred to Witness Sol of Chambers Co

Wrapper (1) Enclosure

Recd April 25th 1868

NARA 299

Opelika. Ala. April 24th 1868

Lt Hendrix Sub Assist-Commissioner

Sir

Upon investigation
I learn that the offence of which you wrote me on
the 6th, and which you desired should be investigated
was committed in the County of Chambers and not
in Tallapoosa as you had been informed.
John Appleby is Judge of the County Court and
William H M Ramsee is Solicitor of the County Court
of Chambers, R Kellum is Sheriff of Chambers.
There is no Sheriff in Tallapoosa and if the case
is investigated by me it will cause a delay of
trial until the Fall Term of the Circuit-Court
of Tallapoosa. Speedy action is what you desire
I presume, and hence the County Court of Cham-
-bers having full jurisdiction, will be the best
tribunal to try these offenders. I am now here
in attendance on the Circuit-Court of Lee Co.

NARA 388

and will not complete my labors until the latter
part of next week and will then have to go to
Rupell for two weeks - If the case really
occured in Tallapoosa, you can address Henry
A Garrett who is Coounty Solicitor in Tallapoosa
and he will give the matter early attention -
I am not a Solicitor of the 9th Judicial Circuit -
by the case in the County Court, Mr Garrett being
the Solicitor in that Court. I can only have the
parties bound over by a Justice to the next Circuit
Court - The matter I refer to was the beating of a negro
woman at Jno T. Garrells. I find it will be out
of my power to go to Montgomery today as my Grand
Jury is still in Session here -

Rec'd April 28 1868

I remain with much respect
Your obt Servant -
Jno B. McDonald
Solicitor of 9th Jud Cir

Sub Dist of Apalika ARTS & L
Apalika April 24. 1868.

J C Hendrix
I fully concur in the statements of Mr J B
McDonald.
R T Smith
S.A. C & C

NARA 301

Elmore County Ala.
April 24th 1868

Thos J. Mitchell J.P.
Beat No 4 Elmore Co

Report in the case
of Eliza J. Barkley. vs.
Charles Butler (Col.) —

Enclosed Transcript
of the case from his
Docket —

Probate Office Elmore Co
Wetumpka Ala April 25th/68
Respectfully forwarded
to J. L. Hendrix, Sub
Asst. Commissioner —

E. S. Ready
Judge of Probate

Rec'd Apr 28-68

State of Ala Elmore Cty
Beat No 21. April 24th 1868

J C Hendrix. Sub. ass. commissioner
Deer Sir

Yours of the 21st inst was
rec'd this day ordering me to report what
what action had been taken in the case
of Eliza J. Barkley, vs Charles Butler(c)
It would afford me much pleasure to report
to you in person, but my health is so bad
that I am unable to ride to-day.
In the above stated case an attachment was
issued against the def't for want of bond
the Plaintiff making affidavit & bond &c
as required by Law. the cotton having
been removed from the place & sold by
Def't. after the levy. a rule on the Def't was
served upon him, & I informed him that
he could replevy the cotton by giving Bond
and by the 10th inst of prox, if he wished
to do so, which he declined to do.
Court convened a few days after, & he came
in to court & acknowledged judgment
& gave the cotton up to the Plaintiff.
The attachment was issued Nov 26th, 1867
at that time ~~at that time~~ cotton was worth
about 33 cts per pound in the said Mr Robb
had sold it for that, the amount of the
debt was more than the cotton would have
brought had it been sold including cost
&c. The above is a true statement of the
case. Enclosed you will find a true

Nov 26th 1868. Eliza J Barkley } attachment
vs } for
Charles Butler (c) } rent of land

" Plaintiff made affidavit & gave Bond as required by law.
" Issued Warrant of attachment
" Constable levied attachment on 925 lbs of seed cotton
Dec 14th. Judgment for cotton & cost, given at the request of Def't Atty.
Judgment — $25,00 Justice cost 2,85
Constable cost $1,00
Total — $28,85

Thos J. Mitchell
J. P.

NARA 304

Returnable ala
April 29th 1868

H. M. Rustin
Sheriff & Elmore Co

Request in regard
to Lewis Phillips con=
=fined in Jail ~~refused~~
charged with Horse
Stealing —

Returnable Elmore Co
Probate Office April 29th 68
Respectfully forwarded
to J. L. Henderson Sub Asst
Commissioner
E. S. Reavey
Judge of Probate

Rec'd May 2 68

NARA 303

Wilumpka Ala
April 25th 1868

J. C. Hendrick
Sub Asst Com.

Dr Sir

In regard to Louis Phillips I recivd your order through E S Roady Probate Judge of this County and released said Phillips under bond of Three hundred Dollars with Peter Peebles as one of the bondsmen, he Peebles was not refused as one of the bondsmen. but was told it was necessary for him to get some one else from his neighborhood to go on the bond with him, also it would be necessary for them to make Affidavits as to what they were worth as, we were unacquainted with them or their responsibility

Respectfully
A. M. Ruthin
Shff Elmore Co.

Through E S Roady
Judge Probate
Elmore Co.

NARA 306

State of Alabama } R. & A. G.
Office Chief Q. M.
Montgomery Ala April 27th 68

Arthur W. Q.
Chief Q. M. R. R. Mobile

Transmits "Invoices & Receipts" for
Three (3) Blackboards for use
of Freedmens School.

Received April 28th 1868

NARA 307

State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Montgomery, Ala., Apl 27 1868.

Jno. G. Mendrit Esq
Sub Asst Commissioner
Montgomery Ala

Sir. I have the honor to transmit herewith Invoice and Receipt of Thos. Blackburn manufactured for use of Freedmens Schools Some months ago but having been mislaid or omitted to be reported by Supt of Educational Affairs they have not been paid for until this month — as per date of Invoice — They are now taken up and transfered to your care — You will pay Item as specified — upon invoice —

Respy

W. G. Arthur
Asst. Q. M.

NHRH 388

Sub Dist Montgomery
Bu R. F. & C. Ala
Montgomery Ala Apr 28th 1868.

Genl Swan
Asst Comm
Miss. 1868.

Enclosing Post Office Order for $31, Requesting Pvt A Wright R. R. Ticket be purchased for & delivered Benj Raymond Belong ing to Hd Qrs Sub Dist Montgomery Ala, & that Pvt Wright receive of Raymond, seventy five Money and retain same until duly paid &c &c.

Freedman's Bureau State of Miss.
April 28 1868
Received

Bureau Refugees Freedmen &c
Office Agent-S.D. Greenwood
Greenwood Miss Apr 26th 68

Respectfully forwarded to Lt Genl Swan Assistt Commissioner Bureau Refugees Freedmen & Abd Lands Vicksburg Miss. Herewith Hd Qrs Sub Dist Montgomery Ala Receipt of Money Order for $31. Respectfully acknowledged, With the information that Pvt Wright of my Sub District has been charged to this office & may be discovered & kept here I can comply with the request,

Allen A. Huggins
Agent-Bu R.F. & C.

E. & M. page 338.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen &c.
Office Asst. Comm'r for Miss.
Vicksburg April 28th 1868

Respectfully returned to Lt. Wendell, Sub-Asst. Comm'r, Montgomery, Ala., attention invited to endorsement of Lt. P. Huggins, Agent &c., hereon.

By order of
Bvt. Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
Asst. Comm'r,
S. C. Swan
Capt. & A.A.G., Bvt. Maj. U.S.A.
A. A. A. Gen'l.

Rec'd Back May 2nd Duplicate of all

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Sub-District of Montgomery,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

Montgomery, Ala., April 20th, 1868.

Allen P. Huggins
Agent Bureau R.F. & L.
McNutt.
Sunflower Co Miss.

Sir.

Enclosed please find Post Office Order to amount of $30.00. for which please buy a "through R.R. Ticket" from "McNutt" to this place, for a colored boy named "Haywood Bellamy" who is now living with Mr Delah about four (4) Miles from McNutt.

His Father "Abram Bellamy" send this money to you, and requests that you see the said "Haywood" as soon as possible and buy the Ticket ("Through") and send him immediately.

Enclosed also, please find a letter to "Haywood" from his father. Please acknowledge receipt of this.

Yours Sir
Very Respectfully
J. C. Hudnut
Sub Asst Commissioner

NARA 318

Autauga Co Ala
April 28th 1868

Holland Jno W
Justice of the Peace

States that he has tried to do his duty in relation to giving certificates to persons in order to receive supplies &c &c

Filed April 30th 1868.

NARA 311

Autauga County ala april 28th 1868

P. C. Shendrick Esqr

Dear Sir

I Recvd your Letter of the 12th instant in which you Request me to Call at your office for the Purpose of Giving an explanation in Regard to the issuing of Papers by me to the destitute of my County Permit me to Say to you that if I have failed to do my duty it is for the want of knowing what my duty is or what you Require of me and if you will instruct me with Regard to my duty in this matter you will find me Prompt in attending to it as Soon as I Can and is able to Come I Shall Come and See you

Dear Sir

Verry Respectfully

your obat Servant

D. McLallon

NARA 312

Montgomery Ala.
April 28 1868.

W. S. Arthur
Chief Q. M.

Request that a
requisition for fuel
be forwarded.

NARA 313

State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER.

Montgomery, Ala., Apr[redacted]th 8th 1868.

Onv. O. Hendrix
Sub. Asst. Comr.
Montgomery Ala

Sir

Please forward requisitions for fuel. rec'd by you during Month. April inst. to this office as soon as practicable, as we require the same. in order to close our returns

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
W. S. Arthur
Chief Qr. Mr.

NARA 314

Office Probate Judge Wrapped
Kingston Ala April 28th 1868

Benson Hon G.W.
Judge of Probate.

Returns communications sent to him for signature. States that he will attend to the case as soon as returned.

Rec'd May 1st 1868

Judge of Probate

The letter was sent by mail
"Express". Left by
a Gentleman to Kingston

NARA 315

Office of Probate Judge
Wetumpka Autauga Co Ala
April 28th 1868

Capt J C Hundley
Sub Asst Comr &c

Sir.

The enclosed letter has just been handed to me and you will perceive it has no signature. I presume it is genuine but last I should be mistaken in this. I return it to your office when it is dated, for a signature. I presume it was only an oversight that it was not signed, but fearful that I would do wrong in acting upon it without a signature have thought it proper to forward it to your Office whence it seems to have emenated, to be signed.

As soon as signed and returned

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to me. I will proceed to obey the instructions therein contained, as endeavor to adjust the matter in Controversy on the principles of Just

I am Dear Sir
Very Respectfully,
Your Most Obt Svt
by M Burnam
Judge of Probate

The letter was not handed to me by "Tom". but by a disinterested party,

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K. O. 23. 1868 K. O.

Montgomery, Ala
April 29, 1868

Respectfully forwarded
S. A. Meredith

Serious information of the misdemeanors transportation from Montgomery Ala. to Oswego N.C. Whether in and they are able and willing to support their Mother should transportation be furnished her.

RECEIVED HILLSBOROUGH N.C.
MAY
6
1868
N.C. TREASURY

Bureau Refugees Frd. & A.L.
Asst. Sub. Asst. Com. N.C.
Raleigh, N.C. May 2 1868.

Respectfully forwarded to Asst. Supt. Refugees Raleigh N.C. for the decision of the Superintendent

T. H. Henderson Capt.
Asst. Supt. Refugees
Agent Bureau

Jacob H. Cheek
Asst. Supt. Refugees

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Asst. Sub. Dist. No. 2
Hillsboro N.C. June 5th 68

Respectfully returned to Asst. Supt. Refugees Raleigh N.C. After diligent inquiry as relative to Eda Robinson can be found in Granville Co.

Frank H. Page
1st Lieut 44th Infty
Asst.

Bureau Refugees Frd. & A.L.
Asst. Sub. Asst. Com. N.C.
Raleigh, N.C. June 9th 1868.

Respectfully returned to J. C. Hendrick, Sub-Asst. Com. Bureau R.F. & A.L. Granville County, Oxford N.C. in which he is directed to procure the desired information.

Nelson A. Miles
Capt. 44th Infty. Bvt. Lt. Col. U.S.A.
Asst. Supt. Refugees

A Report in
Eda Robinson
Read June 16. 1868

NARA 318

Sub-District of Montgomery.

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

Montgomery, Ala., April 29, 1868.

Maj. Genl. Howard Comr.
Washington D. C.

Sir;

Information is desired of the Genl. Ass't Commissioner of the State of Alabama from this place Montgomery Ala to Oxford N.C. to which point, they are able to exchange their money and are perfectly willing to do so. should transportation be furnished her.

Please give me such information that you may receive.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
J. L. Fredrick
Sub Asst Commissioner

NARA 319

State of Ala Bureau Ref. &c.
Montgomery April 30th 68

Thorkley Gen

Capt. Duffy Bot. Inspector
a a a 4

Directs Lt. C. Hendrix Asst to proceed to the place of Mrs Phelan and investigate her complaint, as to certain Freedmen violating contracts made with her.

Recd May 1st 1868

State of Alabama,

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala. April 30th 1868.

Lt C. Hendrix
Asst-asst. Comr.
Montgomery Ala -

Sir

You will please investigate the matter of complaint made to the Asst Comr. by Mrs. Phelan of this city - that certain Freedmen upon her place are refusing to comply with their contracts &c -

You will call upon her at her residence to-morrow and take such steps to correct the evils complained of as may be practicable under the circumstances

By order
Lt Col Thos Gen Thorkley
Asst Adjt Gen

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Sub Dist of Montgomery
Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Montgomery Ala April 21st 1868

Hendrix J. C.

Sub Asst Commr

A.G.O. R.F.&A.L. No 1268.

Request that the salary of W. J. Anderson be raised from $75.00 per month to $100.00 per month. For the within mentioned reasons

E. M. 699 Sep A 1868

State of Alabama Bu R.F. & A.L.
Montgomery Ala Apr 22. 1868.

Respectfully forwarded to Major General O. O. Howard Commissioner &c Washington D.C. requesting that the salary of Mr Anderson be raised to $100. per month as requested by Mr Hendrix, Mr Anderson is a good clerk and his continuance in Mr Hendrix's office is specially desired,

O. L. Shepherd
Col 15th Infty. Bvt Brig Gen U.S.A.
Asst Commissioner.

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War Department
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington April 28/68

Respectfully returned to Gen O. L. Shepherd Asst Comr of Alabama with appointment of Mr Anderson at $100 per month enclosed as requested.

By order of
Maj Genl O. O. Howard
E. D. Townsend
A.A.G. & Asst

BUREAU R.F. & A.L. RECEIVED APR 28 1868 WASHINGTON

BUREAU R.F. & A.L. RECEIVED MAY 1868 OFFICE ASST

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Ens 715. State of Ala. 1868.

State of Alabama. Bu R. F. & A. L.,
Montgomery Ala May 6. 1868.

Respectfully returned to
Jno C. Hendrix, Subast
Comy - enclosing appointment
as requested.

By order of
Col & Bvt Brig Gen O. L. Shepherd.

Capt 15th Infy. Bvt Maj USA
A A A G

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Read May 8th 1868

Col & Bvt Brig Gen O. L. Shepherd
Asst Commissioner

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Sub-District of Montgomery,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

Montgomery, Ala., April 21st, 1868.

Assistant Commissioner Bureau
State of Alabama
Montgomery Ala

General;

I have the honor to state that W. D. Anderson Clerk B R F & A L. is now duty at this office, as per an Appointment from Hd Qrs Bureau R F & A L dated Washington D.C. Feby 15th 1868. at a salary of Seventy five ($75.00) Dollars per month and as the duties he has to perform are very laborious and having his mother and three sisters to support by his labor.

I would most respectfully request that his salary be raised to One Hundred ($100.00/100) Dollars per month.

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Dam General

Very Respectfully

Your Obd Servant

C. Hendrix

Sub Asst Commissioner

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War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, D. C. April 28th 1868.

Mr W. D. Anderson is hereby appointed a Clerk in the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, State of Alabama at a salary of One hundred dollars per month.

This appointment is made under the provisions of "An Act to continue in force and amend an Act to establish a Bureau for the relief of Freedmen and Refugees, and for other purposes." It will take effect April 1st 1868 and remain in force until revoked by orders from this Office.

The oath required by law will be taken, and filed in the office of the Asst Commissioner of the State of Alabama.

By order of Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner:

E. D. Townsend

Act. Asst. Adj. = General.

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Ltr. A. A. A. S. A. Comr, Griffin Ga. Vol. 1. 1868.

Bureau R. F. & A. L. Sub Dist of Montgomery

Montgomery Ala; April 8. 1868.

Hendrix J. C.

A. S. A. Comr.

I issues information of a colored woman named Jack alias Lavinia. Ellis was carried to Griffin 3 years ago by Mrs L. Ellis &c.

Ltr. A. A. S. A. Comr Griffin Ga. April 11. 1868.

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Ltr Rec'd A.A.A.G. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Griffin Ga. May 1. 1865.

Ltr Rec'd A.A.A.G. Griffin Ga. May 1. 1865.

Ltr Rec'd A.A.A.G. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Griffin Ga. April 11. 1865.

Griffin Ga. Vol. 1. 1868.

Bureau R. F. & A. L. Sub Dist of Montgomery
Montgomery Ala; April 8. 1868

Hendrix, J. C.
S. A. Comr.

I desire information of a colored girl named Jack alias Lavinia Fills was carried to Griffin 3 years ago by Mrs L. Fills &c.

Respectfully returned
to Lieut Hendrix A.A.A.G.
Montgomery Ala with the information that the within named girl can be found on this Dist.

George Skinner
A.A.A.G.

Rec'd Griffin Ga. May 6. 1868

Ltr M 73. Sub Dist 1868

Sub Dist of Montgomery
B R F & A L.
Montgomery ala May 7th 1868

Respectfully returned to Mr Gen Wagner A.A.A.G. with the information that the within mentioned girl is living with Mr Tom Bray at Griffin Ga near the R R Depot (as requested to this Office) Herewith wishes to send for her if she can be found.

J. C. Hendrix
Sub Asst Commr

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Ltr Rec'd Jack A.A.A.G. Griffin Ga. May 7. 1868

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Sub-District of Montgomery,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

Montgomery, Ala., April 8th, 1868.

Bureau Agent
Pickens Co
Sir,

Information is wanted of a colored girl, named "Dack" alias Lavinia Pitts (but is generally called Dack) her mother is named Adeline Pitts.

She was taken from this City and carried to Pickens Co. three (3) years ago by Mrs E. Pitts

You will please make enquiry in regard to her whereabouts and give me all the information as soon as practicable

Yours &c
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
C. Hendrix
Asst Asst Commissioner

NARA 328

Office Probate Judge
Autauga & Coosa Counties.
May 11th 1848

Present Hon G W
Judge of Probate

Rebecca his decision in
the case of boy "Tom" own
of Dave & Delila Slaughter (a
He decided in favor of the
Mother (Delila)

May –

Recd May 15th 1848

NARA 329

Office of Probate Judge
Livingston Sumter Co Ala
May 11th 1868.

Capt J. C. Hendrix
Sub. Asst. Comt. &c

Sir,

I have the honor to report that in Compliance with your order of the 24th Apl. last, in the Case between Dan Stoudemire (C) and Delila Stoudemire (C) as to which shall have their son "Tom". I have caused the parties to be brought before me, and find the facts in the case to be about these, Tom is about 17 years of age, the contesting parties have not lived together as husband and wife in some 18 years past, Tom has been with his mother (Delila) all of this time except a portion of the last two years when he was with his father (Dave), Tom Command

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the present year with his father at Col. Saml. Stonderminn's, but left him and went with his mother to Mr J. Sterrn's where he was until recently, his father regained possession of him under your order, The mother has four small children, the eldest under 12 years, The evidence is conflicting as to which has furnished Tom with clothing since he was found both father and mother claiming to have done so, Tom and his mother and her four smaller children were at Mr Sterrn's under a Contract to receive three pounds and $50 for the balance of this years labor of Tom, his mother to do what she could but not able to do much, Tom expresses a desire to live with his mother in order as he says to assist her, The father proposes however that if he is allowed the Custody and Control of Tom that he will give the product of his labor to his mother

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Under this state of facts I am of opinion that the mothers claims are altogether superior, and while I think the father is better calculated to have the Custody and Control of Tom, yet I do not think it practicable in this case to separate the Custody from the use of the labor of Tom. I have therefore in view of the superior claims and necessities of the mother decided that she is the party entitled to the Custody and use labor of Tom,

So far as the Legal rights of the Parties are Concerned, under the Statutes of this State they are all in favor of the mother, but aside from this, I think in View of the facts Justice is in her favor—

I remain very Respectfully
Your Most Obt Svt
G. W. Bluser
Judge of Probate

NARA 332

State of Ala B R & F a Le
Office Chf Gunr
Montgomery Ala May 11th 68

Arthur W. C
Chf Gunr State of Ala

Acknowledges receipt of
(Property Returns) Monthly accounts
of Bureau Stores for month of April
of J. C. Harding Sub Asst Comr

Recvd May 12th 1868

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Head-Quarters, District of Alabama.

Office Chief Quartermaster, B. R., F. & A. L.

Montgomery, Ala., May 11th 1868.

Sir: Your Monthly accounts Stores Pertaining Bureau

for the month of April 1868, have been received, examined and forwarded to Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner, Bureau R., F. & A. L., at Washington, D. C.

By order of Bv't ~~Maj~~ General ~~Wager Swayne,~~ Brig C. L. Shepherd Asst. Commissioner,

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant

W. E. Burleson

Chief Q. M., Bureau R., F. & A. L., State of Alabama.

To John C. Hendrix

Sub. Asst. Com.

Montgomery Ala

Remarks— Vouchers to property return should be numbered. in regular order with reference to the abs. to which they belong Sec. Circular 22. these Hd Qrs.

NARA 334

Ala Mergo Montgomery Co
May 11th 1818

Mc Dade Chas

States that Calvin Merriwether is out on his place and has not been since last year. and that if he was he would readily cooperate with the Bureau. in sending him to the place of Mr Dade

Recd May 13th 1818.

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Mt Meigs Ala May 11/68

Capt I C Hendrix

Dear Sir I received yours of the 28 of April to day, in reply Calvin Merriwether is not on my place & and has not been since last year I understood from Mr Brapel the bearer of your letter that Calvin Merriwether has returned to the plantation of Mr James A Lapsade if he was on my place I would discharge him at once for no person is more willing than I am that where a freedman enters into a contract with any person that he should be made comply with his contract untel it expires hoping the System will be rigidly enforced by the Bureau which will have a good effect both with the laborers and hirers

Very Respectfully Yours
Charles McDade

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State of Ala BR Fr & L

Montgomery ala

May 13th 68

Thornley Maj Geo.

Capt 15th Infty Bvt Maj USA

a a a Genl

States that he is directed by the Asst Comm of Ala to enclose affidavit as to an alleged fraud upon on Lucy Terry - and that the case be investigated and action taken as may be necessary to the interests of Lucy Terry

One (1) Enclosure

Respectfully

R R E K & D.

Recd May 13th 1868. Sub D. of Ala

NARA 337

State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala., May 12th 1868.

Mr J. C. Hendrix.
Sub Asst Commissioner
Montgomery Ala.

Sir:

By direction of the Assistant Commissioner I endose you affidavit as to an alleged fraud upon Lucy Terry. (Cold) - You will investigate the matter and take such action as may be necessary in the interests of Lucy Terry.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant.

Capt 15th Infty. Bvt Major USA
Asst Agent

The State of Ala
Montgomery County } Before me
I. H. Nutts a Justice
of the Peace in and for said County
personally appeard B. G. Lessy who be
=ing duly sworn says that Francis
Bobbett some time during the month
of April 1868 Collected Fifty Four
Dollars with ~~outta~~ Intrest from the 1st
Inst last, belonging to Lucy Lessy
a freedwoman and that the said
Francis Bobbett has converted the
said money to his own use in
neglecting to pay over said money
after being Called upon to pay
over the same

Sworn to & subscribed
before me the 11th May
1868 I H Nutts J.P.

B. G. Lessy

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The State of Alw
Montgomery County } Before me
I, H, Nutts a Justice
of the Peace in and for said County
personally appeard B. G. Jeffry who be
=ing duly sworn says that Francis
Bobbett some time during the month
of April 1868 Collected Fifty Four
Dollars with ~~outta~~ Interest from the 1st
January last, belonging to Lucy Jeffry
a freedwoman and that the said
Francis Bobbett has converted the
said money to his own use in
neglecting to pay over said money
after being Called upon to pay
over the same

Sworn to & subscribed
before me this 11th May
1868 I H Nutts J.P.

B. G. Jeffry

Make Copies of this

NARA 340

La Fayette-Chambers Co. ala
May 12th 1818

Wm Manes U.S.
Co Solicitor

Reporting his action in case
referred to him, in which Johnathan
O Murray and Charles McClure
arrested a colored woman Jane
in Talladega Co (near Dadeville ala

Read May 15th 1818

NARA 341

La Fayette Ala May 12th 1868

J. C. Hendrix Esq
Cub A.A.G. Commissioner
Montgomery Ala

Sir

Your Communication of the 24th Ult. instructing me to Commence action against Jonathon P Murray & Charles McClure for Assault & Battery upon Jane a Colored woman is at hand. Sickness & absence from home have prevented me from giving the matter earlier attention. After diligent enquiry I have failed to find any one acquainted with John T. Jarrett. I find there is a man living in this County by the name of John T. Jarrold, I have not been able to communicate with him on the Subject; I have however brought Suit in the name of the woman for Two Hundred Dollars Damages against said Murray & McClure. The offence having been committed as stated in your letter in the County of Tallapoosa. I have not Commenced

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any Criminal proceeding against the said Charlies. The Matter will come up for trial at the next term of our Circuit Court which takes place in October. Trusting my action so far in the matter will prove Satisfactory I am.

Most Respectfully
W. H. McGinnis

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H. 24) 1868. H. C.

Montgomery, Ala
June 13th 1868

Hendrix J. C
Sub. Asst. Comr

Gives information as to the ability and willingness of Aaron & Elias Husbands, to support their brother Wm. Husband who is now in Montgomery if transportation is furnished him to Salisbury N.C.

Bureau Refugees Frdmn. &c.
Asst. Sub. Asst Comr. N.C.
Raleigh, N.C. June 1st 1868.

Respectfully forwarded to
J.C. Hendrix. S.A. Comr.
(This has the effect of
withdrawing) all papers
heretofore forwarded
on this subject.

Nelson A. Miles
Bvt. Brig. Gen. U.S.A.
Asst Commissioner

State of Ala. Bu R.F. & A.L.
Montgomery Ala June 5. 1868.

Respectfully transmitted to J.C. Hendrix. Sub Asst Comy Montgomery Ala.
By order of
Col. A.D.C. Brig Gen O.L. Shepherd

Capt 15th Infy. A.D.C. U.S.A.
aaaly.

RECD JUN 8 1868

Recd June 6th 1868 - Filed -

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Bureau Refugees F. & A. L.
Asst. Comr. Asst. Adjt. Genl. N.C.
Raleigh, N. C. May 29. 68.

Respectfully referred to
Capt. W. E. Gaillard, Agt
who will see the informant
and report within described
returning this paper
through this Hd. Qrs.

By order of
Capt. & Bvt. Maj. Jno. Wild
Asst. Comr.
(Jno. Seddon)
1st Lieut. 6th Inf.
A. A. A. G.

Bu. R. F. & A. L.
Office Agent. Salisbury, N.C.
May 28th 1868.

Respectfully returned, with
the information that I
can learn not one of any
Freedman by the name of
Husbands now living in
my District. A one-armed
Freedman, by the name of
Wm Husbands, was driven
out of this County, a year
or two ago, by the colored
people, for a gross mis-
-demeanor.

W. A. Gaillard
Capt. & Bvt. Maj. U.S.A.

O.B.p. 62 No 140.

NARA 345

Sub Dist of Montgomery
Bureau Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
Montgomery Ala May 13th 68

To the
Agent Bureau R F & A L.
Salisbury N. C.

Sir;

Information is desired at this Office as to the ability and willingness of Aaron and Evan Husbands to support their brother William Husbands (now in this City) should transportation be furnished him, from this place to Salisbury.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
J. L. Fendrick
Sub Asst Commissioner

Thos O. A. G. State of N. C.

NARA 346

Probate Judge's Office
Daleville Ala May 1878

Sturdevant Hon Allen D.
Judge of Probate Talladega Co

Reporting his action in the
case referred to him by J. C. Henley
Sub Asst Comr. (in which Thos Gunn
was assaulted and stabbed with a
Bowie knife by Wm A B. Graham of
Daleville Ala.

Received May 18th 78

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Jacksville Ala
Probate Judges office
May 15th 1868

John C. Reeder Esqr.
Clerk &c. &c. &c.

Sir.

Yours communication of the 9th inst. came to hand
by last nights mail, and contents
particularly noted— The case of A B
Gresham and Thomas Barney a freedman
is not as reported Jan— On Saturday
night the 11 April (instead of the 2) the
said A. B. Gresham did stab the
said Thomas Barney with a dirk
knife, as per the complaint, both
parties over drinking— On the 12 April
instant day a warrant issued in
the case against the said Gresham
and placed in the hands of a party
for his arrest— We had no Sheriff or
Constable— Gresham kept out of the

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way a few days and settled the matter with Gracey, who has thereupon stopped and withdrawn ——
This morning A. B. Graham was arrested in the matter and bound over to the next term of the District Court to answer an Indictment to be preferred against him for an assault with intent to murder. There has been no demonstration on the part of the Civil authorities to give the case the go by.

All of which is respectfully submitted

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
Allen P. Standerwick

P.S. The case of Thomas Belquier referred to in previous letter is not in my Recovery

A. P. S.

NARA 349

Bureau R.C. Sub D. of Greenwood
State of Illinois
Greenwood Lewis May 15/68

Huggins Allen P
Agent Bureau

State that he has that day
send the boy Hayward Belamy
(on his way) to Montgomery Ala

Recd May 23" 1868

NARA 350

Lieut Refugee Freedmens
Office &c Genl
Lieut Dist - Command
Command Miss May 15th 1868

Lieut Genl Commanding
Lieut Dist - of Montgomery
Montgomery Ala,

Sir I am this morn to inform you that
I am this day furnished Lieut Roy,
Raymond Blamy, W Montgomery Ala;
I instruct the Boy to go to your Office
at Montgomery, I have given him a letter
addressed to yourself which he is to de-
liver in person,

I am Sir
very Respectfully
Your Most obdt Servt
Allen D Huggins
Agent Lieut Dist Command

NARA 351

Pine Level Ala
May 18. 1868.

Babbitt T. W.

States that he has been misrepresented by some prejudiced friend of his. who has reported that he, Babbitt has collected funds and fraudulently disposed of the same.

State of Alabama. Bu R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery Ala May 22. 68.

Respectfully transmitted to J. C. Hendrix. Sub Asst Comr Montgomery Ala. with reference to papers already sent him in relation to this subject.

By order of
Col & Bvt Brig Genl O. L. Shepherd.
Asst Adjt Genl
Capt 33d U. S. Infantry
a a a g.

Filed
L R. E B 616-B5-

Rec'd 6 Papers May 23 '68-

NARA 352

Pine Level Ala May 18/68

Genl. O. L. Shepherd

Dear Sir I learn that I have been misrepresented to you by some prejudice friend of Mine who has sought to take an advantage of me. by reporting that as Collecting Money as an Officer & fraudulently despassing of the same which I pledge to you as an officer & Gentleman is a false- All Claims that I have ever collected for Freedmen has been punctually paid over which the Docket here will show. & upon a thorough investigation I am confident that I can give you entire Satisfaction. I am confident that what has been done has done to injure me. by some evil design person or persons. & Sir permit me to ask at your hands the favour of the Appointment to refill the office as Constable of this Beat No 11, Pine Level. for which I pledge to you to discharge the duties of the office in accordance to the letter of the Law & by Conferring this favour you will much oblige Yours most Respectfully

J. W. Babbitt

NARA 353

Mh Meigs Ala
May 18th 1868

M Dade Chas

Statement in the case of
"Isaac" Freedman who abandoned
a contract made with him.

Filed Oct 6 B 77—
Received May 21st 1868

NARA 354

Mount Meigs Ala May 18th 1868

Capt I M Hendrix

Dear Sir the boy Isaac has not returned to my place up to this time and I am satisfied he will not return unless he is compelled to do so you told me to wait a few days to see if he would return and if he did not that you would send instructions to a Magistrate to investigate the matter I do not see how I could be benefitted by a trial before a magistrate I only could obtain a Judgment for the amount due me and that would be the cost of it useless in ninety nine cases out of a hundred I would have the cost to pay besides it is not very pleasant to have to go 15 Miles to court and it avail nothing only damage, for the amt due me, my object in appealing to you was for you to force him back to my place and make him work until he paid me what he was due me also or to comply with his contract for the present year I think that if the Bureau could force them back to fulfil their contracts we would have very little trouble with them whenever the Freedmen is aware that when they make a contract they will be forced to comply with it we will have no trouble with them nor the Bureau will not be called on so often as heretofore to settle matters for you by I or Dauph boys who will hand you this letter and I remain Yours

obedient Servt

Charles M Dade

NARA 355

Santangaid & Antanga Codes
May 19th 1868

Whitstone L. M.

States that he will send
the boy Ben. Norris & to affir
Sub Documentary, on [illegible] 28
& that he will acquiesce in the decision made

Filed
Recd May 20th 1868

NARA 356

Aulaugaville May 19th 1868

Wm J C Hendrix Sub. asst Comm,

Dear Sir

Your Favour of 16th came to hand to day in relation to the loan of Corn. Howdee I think I acted fair and honest about the matter, and as most every case has two sides I will send up the town [illegible] the legality of the case and I will acquiesce in your decision Your Obedient Servt

NARA 357

War Department Bureau R Frdm
Offices Chf Gen
Washington DC May 19/68

Whittlesey H. M
Chf Gen—

Acknowledges receipt of "Probety Return" of Sub Dist of Montgomery for the month of April 1868 &c

Filed
Rec'd May 23" 1868

NARA 358

[Form 3.]

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Washington, May 9th, 1868.

Sir:

Your **PROPERTY** *Account "Stores pertaining to the Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands" for the month of* April, 1868, *has been received, examined, and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination and settlement.*

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Chief Quartermaster, Bureau R., F., & A.L.

To J. C. Hendrix

Montgomery, Ala.

NARA 359

Dahlonega Ga
May 2nd 1868

Hall and Hall

Magistrate

State that in case of "
Ira Tatum vs Albert Tatum
(for detainer of Guns) Defendant
recovered the same.

Filed—
Recd May 26th 1868

NARA 360

The State of Alabama,
Sumtanga County; May the 12th 1868
Mr S. C. Hendrix

Sir

I have complied with
your orders with Regard to the Case of
John Falom
Dog
Albert Falom
for illegal Behavior for one Gun
The above Case is Satisfied by Defendant Receiving
Possession of said Property Yours &c
D W Dalton
Justice of the Peace

NARA 361

Sub Dist. of Greenville
Bureau R. F. & A.L.
Greenville Ala. May 24th 1868

Gardner Sam. S
Sub Asst. Comr.

Returns "Receipts" for
seven thousand one hun
dred and forty-one
pounds of Corn.

Filed.
Recvd May 26th 68

NARA 362

Sub Dist of Greenville
Bureau R. F. & A.
Greenville Ala. May. 28th 1868

Mr. Jno. C. Nendrix
Sub Asst Comr.

Sir

I have thy honor herewith to refurn Receipts for seven Thousand one hundred and forty-one (7141) Lbs. of Corn.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt. Servt.
Saml S. Gardner
Sub asst. Comr.

NARA 363

War Department
Bureau R. F. & L.

Washington DC. May 26th 68

Whittlesey E
A. A. G. General

Statement of Provisions issued
re has been received for the
month of April and the same has
been sent to 3rd Auditor for settlement

Filed—
Recd May 30th 1868

NARA 364

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, May 26th, 1868.

Sir:

Your Statement of Provisions received, transferred, and distributed under Joint Resolution of Congress, approved March 30, 1867, "to prevent starvation," &c., for the months of April 1868, with an account of Sale of Provisions have been received and examined at this office, and sent to the Third Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard.

Very respectfully, &c.

A. P. Whittlesey
A.A. Inspector-General.

Jno. C. Hendrix A.S.A.C.
Montgomery, Ala.

NARA 365

Office Southern Ala R Rd

Montgomery Ala April 24th 1868.

Wilner Jno T.

Superintendent S & A R Rd

States that he is directed by the President of said R Rd to call attention to the removal or disposal of the wooden Buildings on the Def Ext of the S & M R Rd. Claimed by the Bureau R F & A L. as the ground is needed for the construction of said Road.

Rec'd O.S.A. endorsement Apl 25th 1868

Ecvd 68 Vol 1 Sub Dept

Sub Dist of Montgomery B R F & A L

Montgomery Ala Apl 25th 1868.

Respectfully forwarded to Bvt Brig Gen O. D. Greenleaf Asst Comr B R F & L State of Alabama, with the information that there is no Lands belonging to the Government at this place, on which the within mentioned buildings could be re-erected.

I would therefore respectfully recommend, that authority be given, for the same to be sold.

J. C. Hadnit

Sub Asst Commissioner

Ecvd 24 State of Ala 1868

State of Ala B R F & L Dist. L.

Montgomery Apl 27 1868

Respectfully forwarded to Maj Gen O. O. Howard Commr &c Washington DC. asking authority to break up the buildings and use the material in the construction of school building at Montgomery Building valued at Two Hundred and fifty Dollars ($250.00)

O. D. Greenleaf

Col & Bvt Brig Gen U.S.A.

Asst Comm.

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BUREAU R.F. & A.L. RECD MAY 19 1868 WASHINGTON

BUREAU R.F. & A.L. RECD APR 28 1868 OFFICE ASST. COM

NARA 366

War Department,
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington, May 13th 1868.

Respectfully returned to the Asst. Comm. for Alabama, to know if this is Bureau property, or belonging to the U.S.V. Dept. U.S.A. If the latter, permission for its use must be obtained from the Secty of War.

If Bureau property, it may be used for School purposes without further authority.

By order of
Major Gen'l O. O. Howard:

E.B.
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F. D. Sewall
A. A. A. Gen'l

Ecm 728. State of Ala. 1868.

State of Alabama. Bu R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery Ala May 21. 1868

Respectfully returned to D. C. Hendrix. Sub Asst Commr Montgomery Ala. with reference to the endorsement of the Commissioner.

By order of
Bvt Brig Gen'l O. O. Howard.
Bvt Brig Gen'l

F. E. Johnson
Capt 33d U. S. Infantry.
A.A.A.G.

M37.

Recd O S Doftus May 28th 68

NARA 367

Office Scotto & Scotto ala R.R.Co
Montgomery ala April 24th 1868

A.C. Hendricks Esq
Sub Assistant Commissioner &c
Sir

It is the desire of this company to begin the work of construction on this end of this Rail Road in a very short time & I am directed by the President to call your attention to the removal or dispersal of two temporary wooden buildings now on our depot lot claimed by you as the agents of the Freedmens Bureau. We will very much need the ground occupied by these buildings in the progress of our work

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
John J. Nilmes
Engr & Supt

my presence, Court. that the Mother should keep the Child this year— that the father should have it the next year, and so on alternately, a year at a time until the Child is 21 years old— and that I grant them a certificate each, accordingly— all of which is respectfully submitted.

James O Graham
Judge of Patrols
Lincoln, County—

Sub District No. 1 Lincoln Co. Tenn
Lincoln Co. No.
Sub Dist. No. 1 Lincoln Co. Tenn

Copy of the case of Patrols
(who complains that he has a child
about 10 years old in his custody
& that Wm Stone)(to whom Wm Stone
has given a claim) refuses to give up

Filed
(Record Same) 3 1/2 pages

May 27th 85 R. E. Fleet

NHKH 363

Sub-District of Montgomery,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

Montgomery, Ala., May 27 1868.

Hon Jas W. Graham
Judge of Probate County
Hayneville Ala.

Judge

The bearer of this P. C. Chaplain of cavalry states that he has a son about 10 years of age in the custody of his mother.

The case is respectfully referred to you for investigation and action as to who should have the care and custody of said boy.

Please inform me of the same.

Yours Judge
Very Respectfully
Your Ob't Servant
J. Emerick
Sub Asst Commissioner

NHKH 374

To Jno G Hendrix.
Sub Asst Com.
Montgomery,
Ala.

The undersigned would respectfully report, that she & mother came before me this day and of the matters named stated, and made the following agreement in my presence, viz: that the mother should keep the child this year— that the father should have it the next year, and so on alternately a year at a time until the child is 21 years old— and that I gave them a certificate each, accordingly— all of which is respectfully submitted.

James O Graham
Judge of Probate
Lauderdale County

Sub Dist. Ala. May 27th
Montgomery Ala May 27th 68
O.D. Hall
Capt & A.A.G.

Sub Dist. Ala.
Montgomery
Ala.

Agreement

Subsisting between Mother & Father of child

Filed June 3rd 1868
Alexander

NHKH 371

Sub Dist. of Opelika B. R. F. & A. L.

Opelika Ala. May 27th 1868

Smith B. F.

Sub Asst Commissioner

Encloses duplicate receipt

of Corn

Filed

Read May 29th 1868

NHRH 372

Sub Dist. of Opelika B. A. I. & A. L.
Opelika Ala. May 27th 1868

Capt. D. C. Kendrick
Sub Asst. Comr. &c
Montgomery Ala.

Capt.

Enclosed I herewith send you duplicate receipts of Corn received for the Residue of my Dist,

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt,
R. T. Smith
Sub Asst Commissioner

NARA 373

Ala Dis State of Ala Bankruptcy
Office Chf Gum
Montgomery Ala May 25th 68

Arthur Ufford
Chief Clerk

Requests that arrangements be made by D. C. Hendrix Esq to remove the property in his charge by 1st of March to his warehouse by direction of the Genl Comdg

Filed
Recvd May 28th 1868

NARA 374

Head Quarters, District of Alabama,

Office Chief Q. M. B. B., F. and A. L., State of Alabama,

Montgomery, Ala., May 28th 1868

Mr. J. C. Sudduth

Dr. Sir:

Will you please make arrangements to move the materials in the Warehouse under your charge by the 1st of the month

I am directed by the Genl. Commanding to place all the clothing Such property belonging to the Bureau in one Warehouse

Respectfully Yours

W. Chisholm

Chief Q. M.

NARA 375

Returned to a May 29/68

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Hall. Alfred

States that he was authorized to rent a building for school purposes, has done so at $10.00 per month.

State of Ala. Bureau
Office Supt Education
Montgomery. Ala. June

Respectfully referred to
John C Hendrix Esq Comr at
Montgomery. Ala. who can pay
such rent as he may deem
just. allowing 40 pupils for
teacher &c.

A. M. Rush
A Supt Educ

Ern 86-H31-Sub Dept 1868

Sub Dist of Montgomery Bureau of
Montgomery Ala June 3rd 1868

Respectfully referred to Alfred
Hall Wetumpka Ala. whose
attention is invited to endorsement of
Supt of Education. This Report to be re-
turned.

J. C. Hendrix
Sub Asst Commr

Recd. June 2nd 1868

NARA 376

Wetumpka Ala May 29th 1868

Rev R. D. Harper
Supt Education
Montgomery Ala

Dear Sir—

You authorized me me rent a building for School purposes— I have rented a house and opened a School for Colored Children, taught by the Rev W. G. Thomas who has twenty pupils and getting along with them very well. The rent of said building will be due the 6th of next month.

Very Truly Yours
Alfred Hall
Pastor Taylor Chapel
& Elder of 17th Dist of
the A. M. E. Zion Connexion

P. S. The rent is ($10.00) ten dollars
A Hall

Returned to J. C. Hendrix, Sub Asst Commissioner, as directed
Mont. June 5th 1868
Alfred Hall

Returnes to a May 29/68

Hall. Alfred

States that he was authorized to rent a building for school purposes. has done so at $10.00 per month.

Recd. May 29th 1868

State of Ala. Bureau
Office Supt Education
Montgomery. Ala. June 2nd

Respectfully referred to
Jno C Hendrix Sub Comr at
Montgomery. Ala. who can pay
such rent as he may deem
just. allowing 40 pupils for
teacher &c.

A. M. Powell
A Supt Educa

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Sub Dist of Montgomery Ala
Montgomery Ala June 3rd 1868

Respectfully referred to Alfred
Hall Selma Ala. whose
attention is invited to endorsement of
Supt of Education. This Report to be re-
turned.

J. C. Hendrix
Sub Asst Commr

NARA 378

Office Circuit Clerk

Hubbard Chas R
Cirt. Clk

Ltr to that the circuit Court
only issues process recommended
before clerk and before an
inferior Court

Summary —

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Clerks Office Jany 21st/68

Jno C Hendrix
Sub Asst Commis

The Circuit Court being an superior and appellate Court it only issues process returnable to itself and not to an inferior Court.

The Freedman will have to make his affidavit and give his bond to a Justice of the Peace.

If the case should be made returnable to the Circuit Court it will not be tried until the 3d Monday in June 1868.

Respectfully
Chas. R Hubbard
Clerk C C

MMRN 384

Cross Keys - Macon Co Ala
Dec 7th 1868

Barclay Ins
Decree of Ex Parte

State that in case of G.W. Duncan vs Chas H. May for note of $76. That suit was brought on these papers and Judgment was rendered to G.W. Duncan to amount of $94 Duncan was dissatisfied & that amount coming now to Duncan is $8.76 - State that Mr May writes at the Office of U.S. Dist Court in Montg

Filed
Dec 7th 1868
Received of Deuce 7th 1868

NARA 381

Cross Keys June 15th

J. C. Hendrix Esqr

Sir

Your letter under date 8th inst came to hand this morning with My Receipt Given to G. H. Duncan the note bal is May 6th due 20th Nov 67 one Receipt $20 Nov 3rd 68 Dont know what to say about suing and after giving the matter G. H. Duncan proved a Judgment to Hellay $24.05 Interest 1 yr 8 Months and 6 Days from that time Conformable to the Judgment considerations the Crossing Duncan had a Counsel Charter Esqr by your Name the Case gave by me upon information returns to said Claim just with a little understanding from the Judgment Between Duncan Hellay to be paid as Judgment he recommend Wilson G. H. Duncan Dr. 40 Flour $6.

Receipt Cash	1 10
	3 1
$24 05	5 15
1 50	
3 yr 8 Months Interest	

I am Sorry I cannot Collected but I can't Collect nothing from them he lives on Green River, I learn in the Court office of you can Collect the amount but me Know I have received your Receipt

Very Respectfully your

Obt Servt

A. Thurston Clerk

NHRH 382

Probate Office Elmore Co Ala
Wetumpka Ala
June 8/68

Ready Hon E S
Judge of Probate

States that he has this day written to Mr B M Harris in relation to the deranged Freedmen Abram Fair - directing him to make application to him to have him removed to Insane Hospital & he would attend to the same without delay ~

Filed
See L.R. Vol 2 f 1 - A2 - 1868
Received June 9th 1868

NARA 383

Probate Office Elmore County
Wetumpka June 8th 1868—

Dear Sir—

I am stating, that a Mr B. M. Harris, of Coosada, that there is on the "Old Duncan Plantation," in this County, a Col.d man named Abram Fair, who is deranged, has been duly rec.d— If Mr Harris, had made his report to this office, the matter would have been attended to without troubling you— I have this day written him and requested, that he make application to me in writing for the removal of Abram Fair, to the Insane Hospital, and also forward the names of credible witnesses who can testify, as to his insanity & indigence— I will then proceed at once to investigate the case, as required in Section 1053. Revised Code of Alabama

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
E. S. Ready
Judge of Probate

J. C. Hendrix Esq
Sub. Asst Commissioner
Montgomery Ala

NARA 364

Enumd Bd. Bullock Co. ala
June 1st 1868

Sudlow Dan M.
Justice of the Peace

States that in the case of [redacted]
F. Smith vs Chas Haskell & Co
Mr Smith wishes to submit the
case - more fully - as to what
Smith be permitted to do so - re

Recd dated 2nd 1868

Et M87 = 410 = Sub Dft Jul 1868

Sub Dist of Montgomery R. F. & A.
Montgomery ala June 3rd 1868

Respectfully refered to Robt
F. Smith Sub Asst Com Bureau &c
Opelika Ala. with the information that
the case within referred to was brought be-
fore me for my decision (a magistrate having
no legal jurisdiction in the case) as to
whether the Employee did violate his
contract. The Magistrate having so de-
cided - the same was returned - with my
decision (as per transcript of trial endorsed
with my endorsement thereon) - since
which time the Employer has expressed
a dissatisfaction, and my decision has
been withdrawn, as the case should
properly go before you as the par-
ties reside in yr Sub District

J. C. Hendrix
Sub Asst Commissioner

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(one (1) Enclosure)
(Wrapper)

Sub Dist of Opelika
R.F. and A.L.
Opelika Ala June 5. 1868.

Respectfully returned to
J. C. Hendrix Sub Asst Com
B.R.F. & A.L. Sub of Montgomery
with the information that
Bullock county is not
in the Sub Dist of Opelika
R. F. Smith
Sub Asst Com

Gal. Ala. Comty
Montgomery, Ala

The undersigned begs leave to report that he furnished Wm Belzart with a copy of the within paper & besides showing him the original.

Respectfully Submitted
James W Graham
Judge of Probate.

June 9 - 1868
Handing D.C.

U.S. Dist. Ct. Ala. Sub Dist. No. 1
1868

Filed in Montgomery June 15 1868
Montgomery Ala June 15. 1868

Respectfully returned to Wm Belzart
Jno. W. Graham Judge of Probate

Probate Court Office
Have replevied the within
in the within case by the
Belzart -

Jno. W. Graham
Judge of Probate

Gal. Ala. Comy
Montgomery, Ala

The undersigned begs leave to report that he furnished Mr Belgard with a copy of the within paper & besides showing him the original.

Respectfully submitted
James W Graham
Judge of Probate.

June 9 - 1868
Hendrix & Co.

U.S. Marshal's Office
Feb 8 1868

Received & filed
Jno. W. Graham Judge of Probate

Probate Court
Montgomery Co Ala

Marshal's Office
Montgomery Ala Feb 13

MARH 387

The State of Ala } Office of Judge
Lowndes County } of Probate
June 16th 1868

Ala J C Hundley
Sub Ag Commissioner
Montgomery Ala

The undersigned begs leave to report that the Bailiff informs this Court that the Freedman named in this, Harrison Bibb, has been recalled back again on the plantation.

respectfully submitted
James W Graham
Judge of Probate
L. Co.

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Red back Dec 22 68

NHKH 387

Sub-District of Montgomery,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

Montgomery, Ala., June 9th 1868.

Messrs Thomas & Belgath

Gentlemen

The bearer of this S. Harrison Pibb, called complaining that he has been discharged from your place.

You will not be allowed to discharge any person from your place - who under the Contract is either a Tenant or Partner, without "legal process" of law.

You will therefore allow the said S. Harrison to return to your place and there remain unmolested until ejected as above stated

Please acknowledge receipt of this

Yours &c

Very Respectfully

Chas. Todd Stewart

Sub Asst Commissioner

Thos. Hon Jas W Graham

Judge of Probate

Lowndes Co

NHKH 394

State of Alabama } Office of Judge of
Lowndes County } Probate, June 11. 1868.

Wm J. Hendrix.
Sol. of P. Com'y
Montgomery, Ala

The undersigned begs leave to report that he furnished Wm Belzart with a copy of the within paper & besides showing him the original.

Respectfully submitted
James W Graham
Judge of Probate.

June 11 1868
Hendrix

U.S. Vs. (2 Sub Synds)
1868

Writ of Mandamus
Montgomery Ala
June 15. 1868

Received June 15. 1868 and returned June 16 1868

Hon. C. Graham Judge of Probate Lowndes County Ala

Sir: Herewith I return the writ of Mandamus issued on the petition of Wm Belzart - directed to you as Judge of Probate and Ex-officio Clerk of the County Court of Lowndes County Ala - requiring you to issue certain Letters of Administration to the petitioner on the estate of Jacob Belzart deceased - and to make return of your action thereon to this office on the 15th day of June 1868 -

Belzart - Petition
Writ of Mandamus
Sub Synds

NAKH 391

Aulaugaville ala
June 11. 1868.

McNeil A. W. Esq
Justice of the Peace

States that in case referred
to him. Jno Atmore vs. Benj Cobb
the suit has been withdrawn by
the Pltff and that of Jno A.
Edwards v.s. Nathan Overstreet
for violation of Contract and
be attended to immediately

Filed
see L B 61- page 1868
Recd June 13 1868

NARA 392

Autaugaville Ala
June 11th 1868

J. C. Hendrix Esq
Montgomery
Ala

Sir

Your letter under date 2 June has been at hand a few days, I have the pleasure to report that the Case of Lee A Stowers Vs Ben Stowers (C) for "Violation of Contract," has been withdrawn by the Pltff. The Case of L D Edmunds Vs Nathan Overstreet (C) Charge with Violation of Contract, will be attended to as soon as the parties Can be found & will report in a few days—

Yours Respectfy
A. W. McCrae JP

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Autaugaville ala
June 13. 68

McNeil M.M.

Justice of the Peace

State of Ala in behalf of Jno
A. Edwards vs. Nathan Prestridge
for violation of contract has been
withdrawn by Mr Edwards

Filed
Oct 8 1868
Recvd June 16. 1868.

NHKH 394

Autaugaville Ala
June 13 1868

J. C. Hendrix Lieut Col -
A A G
Montgomery
Ala

Sir

Mr John D Edmonds has appeared & submitted his Charges vs Nathan Copeland (C) who he holds Charges with "Violation of Labor Contract" I have therefore assumed the Case by Consent of parties,

Your Obt Svt
A. W. McCune

NHKH 393

Near Mt. Meigs Ala
June 1st 68

Henderson T.B.

State that the Freedmen
Hutto & Esquiu were discharged on
receipts of order From Md Henderson
A.A.C. Bureaus

Filed
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Rec'd June 8th 1868

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Near Mt Meigs Ala
June 1st 1868

Sir;

The Colored woman Hesle. mcrade and Son Squire. were discharged immediately after your communication reached me through J. L. Yeargh J. P.

Respectfully
F. B. Henderson

NHKH 397

Savannah, Geo
June 14. 1868

Bvt Lt Hoffman
Geo Subs Comsy

States that they will give D. L. Thompson employment at $25 per month & board, as soon as he can come there.
Rec'd June 27. 1868.

Ev. Mss 97 Vol 2 p 2. Subs Dept

Sub Dept of Montgomery Subs
Montgomery Ala June 27. 1868

Respectfully referred to Messrs Bvt Lt Hoffman &c. requesting information as to the correctness of the within. Mr Thompson having applied for transportation from this place to Savannah

Geo. This paper to be returned.
[illegible]
Lt & A.C. Hendrick
Sub Asst Comsy
Rec'd 29

NMNH 398

Savannah. Ga.

January 14th 1868.

Wm. D. F. Thompson

Dear Sir

Received your letter regarding employment and Should be glad to inform you that I can give you immediate employment in which situation you can be exceedingly useful to us having Recently very readily got so many men and I dont Like to fill the bill and Conclude that being you entitled condition into Consideration to employ you Readily you $25.00 a month and board you can come as soon as you get ready

Ball & Fitzpatrick.

Georgia Savannah

NHRH 393

Enrolled "1868.

Gilbert H. A.

States that he has received letter sent to him by Lt Col Kinsdin A.A.G. in relation to the discharging of Chas Gerald & from his place. Denies that he has changed him

Filed Feb 15 1869

NMNM 4000

Pine 14th 1868

Peter C Hendrix Esq.

Sir I have been
handed a Note from
you by one Chas Gerald
(Colored) the facts are these
Chas Gerald came on the
Plantation without My
knowledge last year -
notified him to leave the
premises in Dec last he
did not get any place
and I have let him stay
up to the present time I
have given him Legal
notice to leave the place
two Months Since I have
been giving him and some
Seven other Freedmen wood
to cut to Sell to Rail Road
they Selected Gerald to at

to receiving the Tickets
from the Road for which
he was to receive a certain
amount ~~cent~~ per card the
tickets to be handed to
another of the party for
collection and he to settle
with the parties as for
contract the Freedmen
Generally has not been
sending the tickets over
as agreed upon but taking
a portion of the to the
Rail Road and getting the
money he is no Partner of
mine nor never was he is
a Tenant at will the more
I come to see him & more
to his house where he lives
with some of the other
Freedmen for the purpose
of trying to get him to
settle with them but this
I not see him told his
wife I should certainly put

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him off the place if
he chil not do better
which I will most ccartenly
do but do so Legally

I am Sir
Yours Respectfully
H. Gilbert

P. S. I made no
attempt to put him
out of the house nor
shall I Let him

NHRH 403

War Department

Bureau

Washington D.C. June 15. 68

Whittlesey. E.

A A G. General

Acknowledges receipt of "Statement of Provisions" and "Account of Sales of Corn" for the month of May 1868.

Filed
L R & B 1320

June 19. 1868 Recd

NARA 404

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, June 15th, 1868.

Sir:

Your Statement of Provisions received, transferred, and distributed under Joint Resolution of Congress, approved March 30, 1867, "to prevent starvation," &c., for the months of May 1868. Also, An Account Current of provisions sold at Auction as per ~~Ltr~~ S.O. No. 34 Hd. Qrs. Asst. Com'r Montgomery, Ala. dated March 30. 1868, have been received and examined at this office, and sent to the Third Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard.

Very respectfully, &c.

A. A. Inspector-General.

Jno. C. Hendrix, A.A.C.
Montgomery, Ala.

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H.Q. Dvs Staff of Ala. D.A.G. & A.G.
Office C.S.A.
Montgomery Ala. June 15. 1868

Arthur W.C.
A.A.G. State of Ala

Acknowledges receipt of A.G.
Endorse Monthly Return
of Gun Stores pertaining to Bureau
R.F. & A.L. for the month of
May 1868

Filed
LR&B f 2-Vol 2-1868
Received June 16. 1868

NARA 406

State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER.

Montgomery, Ala., June 15 1868.

Sir: Your Monthly accounts of "Stores Pertaining to Bureau," & ~~C. C. & C. F.~~, for the month of

May 1868, *have been received, examined and forwarded to Major General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands, at Washington D. C.*

By order of Bv't Brig. General O. L. SHEPHERD, *Asst. Commissioner,*

O. L. Shepherd

Chief Quartermaster, Bureau R., F. & A. L., State of Alabama.

To John C. Hendrix
Sub Asst Comr.

Remarks.

NARA 487

La Fayette Alabama
June 17. 1868

Wm Manee U.S.
County Solicitor

State that since writing before. He has learned that the parties that committed assault upon the person of Jane (col'd) reside in Talladega Co. and have to be sued there. Forwards a copy of an instrument made between J.P. Murray & McClure & Jane. Says in consideration of $10. he agreed to withdraw her suit for damages &c.

Filed
June 19 1868
Recm. June 19. 1868

NARA 408

Lw Fayette Ala June 17th 1848.

J. C. Hendrix Esqr.

Dear Sir

Since writing to you before I have ascertained that the parties Murray & McCluer reside in Tallapoosa Coty. Such being the case I have concluded to dispense with the suit for damages against them & inform you of the fact. They will have to be sued in the County in which they reside. On Monday last I rec'd an instrument in writing (of which you will find Copy enclosed) purporting to be a Settlement of the whole matter among the parties. I know nothing further Concerning said Settlement.

I am

Very Respectfully

Yr. H. McCraw

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Copy

"The State of Alabama } We J. Murray & M.C. McClure
Chambers County } have this day met with Jane
Jones & Lee Jones brothers of Gloria
"Jane Jones, and by agreement- paid the said
"Jane Jones Two Dollars to satisfy her in regard
"to a difficulty- having taken place sometime since
"between the above named Murray McClure and Jane
"Jones. She Jane Jones now agrees that-she is now
"amply paid and well satisfied. And is further
"willing that- all process now in force or that
"may hereafter be instituted in regard to said
"difficulty- between the above named parties be
"set aside. June 13th 1868."

Signed by.

her
Jane X Jones"
mark.

"Witness
" J. A. Ratchford"
" J. R. Talbot"
" her
Lee X Jones"
mark."

NARA 410

Auburn Ala
Sept 2nd 1868
June 15th 1868

Mumm. Moore

States that he and his family worked for Mumm Keeler & Darling during 1866 to amount of $180.00 for which he received a check — has not been able to obtain but $6.00 from them. Encloses a letter from Bellamy & Sims attys — in relation to the claim

One (1) Enclosure

Filed
Dec. 15th 1868
June 22. 1868

NARA 411

Autograph Letter of

Lucy [illegible] 1847.

Teaf. Newcomb

Dear Sir During
The year 1846 my self Wife &
Boy worked for Mrs James Keller
& Mrs Darling at the end of the
year Mrs Keller Gave me a
draft for my money which was
180 & 83/100 Dollars on Mr Darling
for the amt of wages I have tried
ever since to get them to pay
& have been able to get but 50 %
out of them. I got Mess Fellows
& John Lawyes of Selkirk to try
& Collect it for me & I have in
these letter to me so as
you may See what they will
Please inform me if they can collect
& if there is no weight by which
they can be maid to pay me as I
am very Poor & need it to live on
resp yours

Model Number

NARA 412

Selma a/a. June 17. 1868

Fellows v Parkes

Attys at Law

to Hon Nath Adree, in relation to a Debt due him, by Mun Keeler & Darling - $30.00

Recd June 23. '68

NARA 413

Selma June 12th 1868.

Moses Summ.

The Military Order allowing attachments to be issued by laborers has long since been countermanded, and the "Military Order" now forbid any property to be attached or seized under any process, or for any claim. You can therefore receive no assistance from the Military, and will have to do it all such can be obtained against him, and then we do not think you will get anything unless he is willing to pay, as he has not more property than is exempt from levy and sale.

You need not give yourself any more trouble about this claim. We will do all that can be done to collect it, and if it is not collected, nothing you could do or say would benefit the matter any.

Respectfully
Fellows Johns
Atty.

NARA 414

Sub D. of M. Ala & Ga

Montgomery Ala. June 17. 1866

Judicial 6

Sub Asst. Commissioner

Desires to know whether or not Mrs
Watts, has any papers from her
'Aunt' showing that she will sup-
port her should transportation
be furnished her—

See Minutes of W. J. Patchell
annexed—

Filed

Rec'd June 17. 1866

NARA 415

Sub-District of Montgomery,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

Montgomery, Ala., June 17 1868.

W. T. Scratchett Esq

Dear Sir:

Please inform me whether or not Mrs White has any papers from her "Aunt"; showing that she will authorize her, should transportation be furnished her.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servant
E. Gerlach
Sub Asst Commissioner

She has not - but has several letters urging her to come to her house & si one she says she will help her & would send her money if she had it -

Respy
W T S

NARA 416

Mount Meigs Ala
June 17. 1868

Lunsford H.C.

State that Emma Rickard was severely beaten by a freedman named Adam Lide on his place Esq Lide has failed to act upon his complaint

Capt. Hoxt Asst

Freedmans Bureau
Montgomery
Ala

Filed
L.R. & B. of 17th. 01-
Recd June 17. 1868

NARA 417

Mount Meigs ala
June 1, 1868

Capt Hendrick

Dear Sir

The Woman Emma Nick
-elson Wishes to bring a case before you of
bad treatment received from the hands
of Adam Tide a Freedman who severely beat
her with a large Stick making Several bruises on
the head and threatning to take her life —
The Woman has tried to get Esqr Tide to
take the case in hand but he refuses to act
upon it= For the Safety of the Woman in her
present condetion I hope you will take Some
action in the case or instruct Esqr Tide
to do So— They both laborers on my
plantation and are near to Esqr Tides office
if he can act in the case it would be best
for the Woman who is not in a Situation to
attend in Montgomery

Very Respectfly
F. C. Rinkston

NARA 418

Montgomery Co Ala
1868

Barnett & Co
Magistrate

Transcript of case tried before him. The State vs. Jim Baker & for com Stealing. Dennis that he refused him Bail - out of sympathy he allowed him to work with him instead of going to Jail

Filed
1 R & B p 16—
Received June 18. 1868

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The State of Alabama }
Montgomery County } Personly appeared
before me A L Barnett a Justice of the
Peace for said County G L Downing who
being duly Sworn says That he has
suffecient Cause to beleive that Jim
Baker (Cola) did Steal Corn from his Horse
trough, that Henry Smith (Cola) and him-
self did feed the Horses and go to the house
set down to eat his supper and while
at supper heard the lot gate oppen and
went immediately to the lot found the
gate oppen and nearly all the Corn gone out
of the trough went to the House to get
his Gun and while at the House Jim
Come up in a few minutes suspecting
him and knowing he had not had time
to go home went to watch for him and
on the way happened upon the Corn that
had been taken out knowing it to be the
same because it was some of it bit and
wet where the Horses slobbered on it he secre-
ted himself near by and in a short time
Jim Baker Come and taken up the Corn and
Downing arrested him and carried him to the
house with the Corn or a portion of it in his
bosom before the whole Family who saw him; he
claimed it to be seed Corn that he had
got from a bag in the field that evening
by Henry Smith and Bob Downing (Cola) swore
positively that he had got no Corn out of
the bag and that it was the Corn taken
from the trough after they examined it-

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and the corn was not fit for seed
corn because it was Damaged

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 1st day of May 1868 } F. L. Downing

A L Barnett J.P.

To John Hendrix. S. C. C.

The above is a true statement of the evidence in the case of the State V.S. Jim Baker
In regard to my refusing Jim Bail as as positive a false bond as he ever uttered or who ever did tell it. After I saw that he could not get any one to go on his Bond I through pure sympathy for him told him if he would stay and work for me I would stand his security. he very reluctantly after some time studying agreed to do so and set in on Monday morning and pretended to work until Wednesday dinner and I went to him in a very friendly manner and told him that he was not doing what he agreed to do and that I expected of him just what he had promised. And he told that he had rather go to Jail than to work for me it being a matter of his own choice I sent him off immediately. These are undeniable facts and can proven by White and Black if necessary

Respectfully

A L Barnett J.P.

NARA 421

Sub Dist of Montgomery Byrd

Montgomery Ala June 19. 1868

Hendrix S. C.

Sub Asst Commissioner

Requests that he be furnished transportation to Pine Level for purpose of attending to business connected with that Office

Received, June 19. 1868

Office Chief Sup.
Montgomery Ala
June 19 68

Respectfully returned
Mr Hendrix will
have the necessary
transportation to
enable him to per-
form the within
mentioned duty
and give vouchers for
payment thereof
which will be pre-
sented to Chief S. O.
for payment

Thos Walker
Lieut & A.A.G.
Chief Sup.

Filed
P. R. Ellis & -
Dead June 19, 1868

NARA 422

Sub-District of Montgomery,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

Montgomery, Ala., June 19 1868.

Col W. C. Arthur
Chf G.M. State of Ala. Bureau
Montgomery Ala.

Colonel:

I have the honor to request that I be furnished transportation - tomorrow morning - for the purpose of visiting Pine Level on business connected with this Office.

Pine Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obd Servant
J. C. Hendrix
Sub Asst Commissioner

NARA 423

Johnson County Iowa 21. [illegible]

Hall. V. P.

Justice of the Peace

States that he handed letter [illegible]
Mr Lamm directed to I. D. Pierce
to give to Pierce. &c &c

Filed

Recd June 2 D. 1868

NARA 424

At Home near Robinsons
Ala June 21st 1868

Dear Sir

Yours of the 18th Inst Came
duly to hand. I immediately went to
see J J Pearce and informed him of
the Contents of your letter, he was
not at home had gone to Montgomery
I gave Mr Lanier your letter to
me to hand to Pearce and Enquire
he so over and see you on the
day specified in your letter —
I have enquired diligently Concerning
his Effects & Can hear of no property
Owned by him — Come over about
the Middle of next month and get
Some fine fruit

Your Very Ext

Wm B Hall

NARA 423

Haynesville Ala
June 22. 1868

Messrs Watts & Co

Adm'rs Est Lot Murriweather
deceased

Desire instructions in paying the hands, who labored for Est of Lot Murriweather dec'd —
P. O. Lot Watts Ark & R'd —

Filed
L R E 13 & 138
Rec'd June 24. 1868

NARA 426

Raymsville Ala
June 22nd 1868

Mr John L. Hendricks
Sir

Plean give me
instructions in relation to paying the
hands of S. M. Merriwether Deed of which
you have a memorandum + I spoke
to you about. You promised to write.
me. address me at Tallahatchie Lowndes Co

Yours Respectfully
S O Merriwether

P.S. Let me hear from
you at once.

NARA 427

Office Clerk. City Court Monty Co.

Montgomery Ala. June 23. 1868

Wilson. J.P.

Clerk City Court Mo Co

Reports the amount of Costs, Fine rec'd in the case of The State v.s. Geo Flakes for larceny tried before this Court on Friday last.

Fyl'd
L.R. Book 320
Rec'd June 23rd 1868

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Office of the Clerk of
the City Court of Montgomery

Montgomery Ala. June 23rd 1868

B. C. Stendix
Sub. Ass't Commissioner
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen
and abandoned Lands -

Sir;

In answer to your communication asking for "the amount of costs, fines &c in the case of the State vs Geo. Blake, tried before the City Court on Friday last," I respectfully report the following - which is a correct statement of the items of costs &c - to wit - Fine $50.00

Clerk's fees	4.75
Sheriff's fees	7.75
Solicitor's fees	7.50
Witness fees	99.50
County Tax	2.00
Fees of Judge	5.00 — $176.50

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The witnesses have not all yet proven their attendance - The law allows five days after the adjournment of Court to witness to prove their attendance -

I would remark that the defendant perhaps might agree with the witnesses for a less amount that the certificates call for, which would reduce the amount -

I am Sir
Respectfully your
Obt Servant

A. P. Nelson
Clerk
By D. G. Jones
Deputy Clerk

NARA 430

War Department
Bu. R. F. & A. L. Office Chf. Qr. Mastr.
Washington D. C. June 28. 68

Whittlesey. D. M.
Chf Qr Mas- Bu R F & A L.

Acknowledge receipt of "Property Account" for Sub Dist of Montgomery Ala for the month of May 1868 rec'd

Filed.
L B. E B # 320
Rec'd June 28. 1868

NARA 431

[Form 3.]

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Washington, June 23, 1868.

Sir:

Your **PROPERTY** Account "Stores pertaining to the Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands" for the month of May, 1868, has been received, examined, and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination and settlement.

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Chief Quartermaster, Bureau R., F., & A. L.

To L. C. Hendrick
A. A. C.
Montgomery, Ala.

NARA 432

Copy of Commital to
Jail of Geo Flake &
By I. B. Fuller J.P.

Sub Dist of Montgomery Sulphur
Montgomery ala June 23/60

Respectfully referred
to I. B. Fuller Esq J.P.
for information as to the
correctness of the within
(copy) of Commital to
Jail of Geo Flake &.

J. C. Hendrix
Sub Asst Comm

Rd June 23. 65—

Respy returned,
The original papers
are in the possession
of the Sheriff of
Montgomery County,
and I am unable
to say whether the
within are correct Copies
or not.

Jno B Fuller
J.P.

Committal to Jail
Geo Blake (cold)
Fuller J.P.

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The following is his recommitment

(Copy)

State of Alabama
Montgomery County } To the Jailor of said County.

You are hereby Commanded to take into your Custody and safe Keeping George Flake and him safely keep until he may be brought before the next Term of the City Court of Montgomery County, to answer an appeal this day taken from a judgment rendered by me against him. to wit. that he the said George Flake do hard labor for the County of Montgomery for four months and pay the sum of Fifty Dollars for an Assault and battery on the person of Lama Payne. He is sent to your Custody in default of bond for $250.00

This 23d May 1863 Signed
J B Fuller J.P.

Copy of Mittimus

State of Alabama.
Montgomery County } To the Jailor of said County—

You will take into your Custody and safe Keeping George Flake a Freedman and him safely keep so that he may be brought before me on 14th day of May 1868 to answer the charge of Murder.

Issued 14th May 1868.

Signed Jos. B. Fuller J.P.

Copies sent to—

Very Respectfully
A. G. Flake Jailor

NARA 433

Hd Qrs Post of Montgomery
Montgomery Ala June 24th 68

Lieut Hewshaw 15th
2nd Lieut & Asstt. Post Adjt.

State that the Major com-
him to inform
manding directs that the Of-
ficer of the day arrested on yesterday
one of the perpetrators of the
assault on Henry Farley (c) charges
are being preferred against him

one (1) Encl. sent

Headquarters, Post of Montgomery,

Montgomery, Ala., June 24th 1868

Maj J. C. Hendrix
Sub Asst Com &c
Sir

The Major Commanding directs me to inform you that the Officer of the Day arrested last night one of the perpetrators of the assault made on John Farley (Colored) and charges are being preferred against him.

Please have Farley and his other witnesses ready at call

I am Very Respy
Your Obd Sert.
E. C. Hewshaw
2nd Lieut 15th Infty
Post Adjt.

Filed
Ord Lr. Bk Hd Qrs.
LB 120
Recd June 24. 1868

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Martys June 24th 68

Maj Hendricks
Sub Apt Com.

Will you be kind enough to
send me the names of the witnesses to the
assault on Harley as soon as convenient
Respy Henshaw Post Adt

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No 1

Hanchan E. C.

Prod Adjutant

P.S.

Mrs. Surratt is a hard case, and has this morn'g. I am informed taken in an "associate in vice" as bad as herself.

M.P.L.

I wish you would see to it today if you can.

June 24-1868

Andrew M. Pl.

NARA 439

Montgomery Alabama.

June 24th 1868.

J. C. Hendrick Esq.
Sub Asst Comm'r
Montgomery Ala.

Dear Sir:

Mrs Norton, living at the "Dexter House" on Market St of this City, requests me to write you in relation to a colored "nymph du pave" who has established herself in a room belonging to the premises of Mrs Norton. Her name is Missouri Williams. She refuses to leave the premises, and says that the "Bureau" will protect her in remaining - She is one of that class who "barter their souls' welfare for filthy lucre" - or at least I am so informed - I have no personal knowledge of this fact.

You will confer upon me a personal favor

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if you will render Mrs Norton some assistance in this matter. at your earliest convenience

Very truly Yours.

Wm R Noble.

P.S.

Mrs Norton is a hard case, and has this morn'g I am informed taken in an "associate in vice" as bad as herself.

W.R.N.

I wish you would see to it today if you can.

June 24-1878
Mrs Lucy Norton
Wm R Noble

NARA 441

Loma Watson pt. Road
Hennepin County Minn Jan 27 '88

Respectfully Returned to
Wm J. C. Hinkley Sub Asst Commissy
Hennepin County Minn with the
information that
a man named Wiley
Taylor (white) a U.S. Soldier
(discharged) died in Soldiers
Hospital last Summer — he had
two Children aged
respectively about 10
and 12 years — after his
death I wrote to his
Father stating that his Son had
died & left two Children — and
requested that he would come
and see what disposition
should be made of them —
I never received
any answer — & when the Hospital
was broken up — they were taken
to the Home Colony — they

were there about three
weeks. When the Eldest
of them took sick & died
after a few days sickness. I do
not know what their diagnosis
was —
a few days after
her little Sister with
all their Effects was
sent in a Government Ambu
lance to the Poor House
and I presume that is there
now — — —

Immediately after
Wiley Taylors death
Dr J. Schantz the
Surgeon in Charge
got his discharge papers
from me & told me that
Col Kingsbury at St Paul
Quarter was going to for
ward it to Washington
to try & get his bounty

as they intended to insist
for the benefit of the Children

Whether They are Entitled
or Not I am unable
to say —
Any other information
you require will
be cheerfully given at any
time I am Sir
Your Very Respectfully
Malcolm Gilmore

Filed
Dec 8 1888 —
Recd June 25 1891

NARA 442

Sub-District of Montgomery,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

Montgomery, Ala., June 25 1868.

Malcom Gilmore. Esq

Sir.

Will you please inform me if a man named Wiley Taylor died at the Hospital (of which you were Steward) in 1867- Or June 1867 I think-

If so please give me any information you may have, as to the whereabouts of his Soldiers.

Yours Sir

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servant

C. Kendrick

Sub Asst Commissioner

June 25th 1868

Kendrick Sub Asst

NARA 443

War Dept
Aud. A. F. & L. Claims Division.
Washington D. C. June 29. 1868

Drew. Wm. P.

Agustin Sq. Division

Acknowledges receipt of Claim of Mrs. Rose late nurse U. S. S. Ottawa. for bounty &c

BUREAU R. F. & A. L.
REC'D
JUL 4
1868
OFFICE ASS'T COM'R.

Filed Dec 38
Acct'd July 7. 1868

NARA 444

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, June 29 1868.

J. C. Herndrit Esq.
S. A. C. Bureau
Montgomery Ala

Sir:

I am directed by Major-General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for Bounty &c in the case of the following-named men soldiers:

John Rose, ~~Co. , Regt. U. S. C.~~
Nurse N. S. S. Octorara

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Thos A. C. Acton

Thos. Wilcox,
~~Assistant Adjutant Gen.~~
Agent in charge D. W.

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Page 67. O. Agt. Colmbus Ga. 1868

M.L.7. O.S.A. Columbus 1868

Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Columbus Geo. June 19. 1868.

Middleton May
Swedman

States that in the latter part of the year 1865 he purchased of Raburn Hood of Harris Co. Seven ~~dogs~~ which he purchased at a Govt. Sale in the city of Columbus Ga. x that after the deponent had purchased the dogs of Hood Zachariah Gannel now of Montgomery Alabama came into his enclosure x carried away five of said dogs, claiming them as his property.

(1 Enclosure)

Office Agt. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Columbus Geo. June 20. 1868

Respectfully forwarded to the Asst. Comr. State of Geo through Bvt. Maj. John Leonard A. A. G. Columbus Geo.

C. M. Chapman
Agt.

E & M
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Office A. A. Comr. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Columbus, Ga. June 20th 1868

Respectfully forwarded to Lieut. M. Truax Gallagher as a Genl. Atlanta, Ga.

John Leonard
Bvt. Major U.S. Army
Asst. Adjt. Genl.

E & M
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Office A. Comr, Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Atlanta Ga, June 26, 68.

Respectfully referred to Bt Brig Gen'l O. L. Shepherd, Asst. Comr for Ala.

C. C. Sibley
Bt. Brig. Gen'l
Asst. Comr.

E. Inv. 319
1865.

O.D. 1145. S. of A. 1867.

State of Alabama Bu R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery Ala June 29. 1868.

Respectfully referred to J. C. Hendrix Sub Asst Comr at Montgomery Ala for investigation and report.

By order of
Col & Bvt Brig Gen O. L. Shepherd.

J. C. Hendrix
Capt 15th Infy. Bvt Maj U.S.A.
& A Genl.

Sub Dist of Montgomery Ala
Montgomery Ala

Respectfully returned to

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State of Georgia
Muscogee County } Personally appeared, Middleton May, freedman, who being duly sworn says that in the latter part of the year 1865, he purchased of seven (7) drays of Raburn Hood of Harris Co. Geo. for which he paid $150, the drays being very much out of repair at the time he purchased them. Deponent says the seven drays were purchased by said Hood at a United States Government Sale in the city of Columbus Geo. and after the sale to Hood they were not removed from Columbus, but were in possession of deponent to the time he purchased them of Hood; that after they had been in possession of deponent about eight months, Mr. Zachariah Gamel, now of Montgomery, Ala. entered upon the premises of deponent and forcibly took five (5) of the drays and carried them away without leave, or giving any consideration therefor, claiming them as his property. Deponent prays that said Gamel be compelled to compensate him for his property thus violently taken from him

Middleton his X mark May

Subscribed & sworn to before me
this 19th. day of June 1868.
C. M. Chapman, Ag't. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Columbus Georgia

Mr. Hoods P. O. is Whitesville, Harris Co. Geo

NARA 447

M.47. O.S.C. Columbia 1868

C. P. Chapman Esq
Bureau Officer
Columbus
Geo

Jan
M. May 3

NARA 448

Columbus Ga. June 25th

C. M. Chapman Esq

Sir:- The
Grim name of Hood is
Reuben & lives near Whites-
ville Ga. Was employed now
to represent Middleton May
in removing his drugs
& Associates a Lawyer
with me in Mont[illegible] &
when Such Gamnent has
but- he has failed to
do any thing. Hood came
down once & went before
the grand jury for robbery
but- I understand failed to
make out his Case. Mr. Hood
will do all in his power
& Ben Alley righted as
he bought[illegible] the wagons &
Govt- Stole & sold to Alley.
Gamnent is worth nothing

Yours truly
Jamison M. Rushin

NARA 449

Dane Level Ala
Dane Co. 1865

Emile L. D. Esq
Justice of the Peace

Reporting his action taken in the case of Lucy Terry v.s. F. W. Babbitt constable for embezzlement of funds &c. States that Babbitt can't be found, as yet - will report as soon as he arrists him &c.

Filed
Dec 23-64-
Chas. Dahlgren Clk 1868

NARA 450

Phil Lewis Ala
Capt John C Hendrix
June the 30th 1868
Sub Comd

Sir Your Communication of the 28th is Recived I accordingly Issued my Warrant of Arrest for D. W Bobbitt Predicated upon the Affedavit of W J Barnett as the 6th Sect of Constitution of Ala Directs. and Directed the Same to 1st Lt. Shaver as Cpt Duffy. as. 8th 32nd Sect of the code of Ala Direct for the arrest of the Said D W Bobbitt and the Said 1st Lt. Shaver Returned the Said Warrant. this Day Not found in the County it Appears that he has Absconded & have Directed the acting Constable to Keep a Look out for him and to make the arrest. at the first Opportunity

Capt the Reason Why the Case have not been Investigated Long Since is that the Agrieved Parties have never Complained to me. My Self & Mr Clark Notified the Bondsmen Last Wed of this Conduct But they Still Agreed to Stand from under and never Came him up untill About the 3rd of April last they are the Agrieved Parties as they Are Bound for the Moneys. that the Said Bobbitt, has failed to Pay over; With five Per cent Per Month on the Same from time of Sale and as Provided By Sect 3288 and 3272 of the Code of Ala it is Very Likely that if Bobbitt Will Return Soon though he may not.

NARA 451

You Request that I Recommend to you Some good Man to you that will accept the office of Constable and that can take the Oath Required I Propose to Recommend to Mr W & Shaver. Who Says he will accept the office and who can Subscribe to the oath and who I Believe will Perform the office according to Law,

and I also Suggest that we have and appointment as Early as Practable as we cannot ascertain how J. M. Burkett Stands until we get an Qualified office in. he may have taken advantage of the Order Staying the Collections of Debts and Made a Fraudulent Return

I Remain Very Respectfully your Obedient Servant

J. D. Smith JP

Pike Comb Ala

NARA 432

State of Ala Bur Refs & Fmds A.L.

Montgomery Ala. July 2. 1868

Shorkley. Maj Gen

Capt 15th Infty Asst Maj USA.

Ord

Encloses S.O. #66 granting
2 Lt Hendrix Sub. Asst Comm'y leave
of absence for 20 days. Directs
him to designate Mr Anderson
Clk Bu R. to take charge of his
Office during his absence.

By
Command
of
Maj Gen
Sheridan

July

Filed
Ltr Rec'd Bk p 230
Received Sept 3rd 1868

NARA 453

State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala., July 2nd 1868.

Jno. C. Hudnit
Sub Asst Commr
Montgomery Ala

Sir

I enclose you C. O. No. 66 granting you leave of absence for Twenty days.

You will designate Mr. Adison Clerk B.R.F.&L. to take charge of your office during your absence.

By order of
Col and Bvt Brig Gen O. L. Shepherd

Geo Thorkelson
Capt 15 Infty Bvt Maj U.S.A.
A.A.A.G.

NARA 434

"Affidavit"

July 2. 1868

Cobl. Fred. D. [illegible]

State that Collis Dudkins (c) was not discharged for his conduct on Tuesday alone, but for repeated violations of contract and was discharged by a unanimous vote of the squad of which he was a member and

Cross Examined.

Filed
In LB Vol 28. 287
LR. E12 p 29—
Record July 2. 1868—

NARA 433

July 2nd 1818

Capt S.C. Hendrix

Dr Sir

From the contents of your note I am satisfied that Collin has misrepresented his case to you in toto – In the first place he was not discharged for his conduct on Tuesday alone but for repeated violations of contract – In the second place he has been more trouble-some than any hand on the plantation – I have taken his part on several occasions to prevent his being prosecuted and jailed by a woman whom he is trying to force to live with him – She refused

NARA 456

to have anything to do with
him and he has assaulted
her more than once and
threatened to kill her —
He was discharged by his
squad with any consent —
They stated their reasons
for wishing to get rid of him
and knowing that a portion
of them were just & agreed
to his dismissal — The vote
to discharge was unanimous
I have, myself, frequently seen
him dodging about the quar-
ter when the other hands
were at work — The brave of
this Daniel, who is foreman, of
the Squad, will explain more
fully his misdemeanor — I
would visit you personally but
have been sick in bed a week —

Very Respectfully &c
Fred. A. Cobb

NARA 457

Kenigotown, Autauga Co Ala
July 4. 1868

Benom. H. Whitsett
Judge of Probate

States that the probable number of children, between the ages of 6 & 18 years, are 500 - in that Co. Give the names of 6 central points with number of scholars that would attend when schools could be organized for their education. No buildings in that Co. belonging to old Settlers - or R

Filed
Sept 18 - Vol 2 - 1868 -
Recorded Sept 11. 1868 S. Hoffman

NARA 438

Montgomery Autauga Co Ala
July 4th 1868

Wm J C Hendrix
Sub Asst Comr &c -

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 27th June is just received, & have no reliable data here from which to answer your interrogatories here as to the numbers of Colored Children it is mainly guess work but I think in our answer we approximate the facts, at least I have done the best I can, To your first interrogatory, I answer there are about 500 Colored Children in the County between the ages of 6 and 18 years,

Second, There are Six Central points where schools could be organized for their education, to wit: at Prattville Autaugaville, Mulberry P O, Wilsons Independence and Kingston, (as to Kingston the school would be small but at Prattville & Autaugaville they would be large,)

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Third – The number of such children who would be likely to attend such schools at each point, Pattville 50 Autaugaville 50, Mulbry P.O. 40, Milton 25, Independence 25 ance Livingston 20.

Fourth, Do not know of any school building belonging to Colored people,

Remarks, There may be other points where small schools could be established but those I have mentioned I consider the most prominent and practicable.

I will make further inquiries on the subject of your interrogatories and if I have occasion to change any of the answers will inform you promptly – I mean out this reply as soon after receiving your letter in order to try to get it to you by the 10th. I have no regular mail therefore have to send our letters the best way we can to Pattville, whence the mail carries them on,

NARA 460

Hoping the answers given
may prove satisfactory &
remain Dear Sir
Your Most Obt Svt
G W Deuser
Judge of Probate

NARA 461

State of Ala. Dept A. A. & Gen'l
Montgomery Ala July 6. 1868

Shorkley. May Gen.
Capt 15th Infty Brt Maj U.S.A.
Asst Asst Adjt Genl

Acknowledges receipt of Farley, Smith & Co check on Ocean Nat'l Bank for $155.05 payable to the order of Allen P. Huggins for labor of Freedmen and was transmitted to Asst Comm State of Miss

Filed
L R B 920
Received July 7. 1868

NARA 462

State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala., July 6th 1868.

John C Keeling
Sub Asst Commr
Montgomery Ala

Sir

Your communication enclosing Tarley Smith & Co's Draft No 39114 on Ocean National Bank for $155.00 payable to the order of Allen D Huggins for labor of freedmen has been this day received and transmitted to the Asst Commr State of Miss.

By order of
Col & Bvt Brig Gen O. L. Shepherd

Lee Hoffman
Capt 15 Infy Bvt Maj U.S.A.
A.A.A.Genl

NARA 463

Probate Judge's Office Talladega Co
Dadeville Ala. July 8. 1868

Lieutenant Hon Allen D.

Judge of Probate

State that No of children
under 18 years of age is 1925. the
no between 10 & 20 is 1130. in
that Co. Gives the names of
5 central points (Logathe with No
of said children that would
probably attend / when schools
could be organized.

Filed
Ex R & B 2 p 232-
Recorded July 10. 1868

NARA 464

Dadeville Ala July 8th 1868
Probate Judges office

John C Hendrix
Sub Assistant Comm.

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 27 ult. came to hand and contents noted. — I have no means of ascertaining and answering your questions accurately, and can only give the probable numbers between ten and twenty years — and under ten years of age —

No under ten years old say 1925
" between ten and twenty years old 1130

Central points in the County where Schools could be established.
Dadeville — Stevesite — Walnut Hill.
Youngville and Dudleyville.

At Dadeville a School of from 75 to 100 students
Stevesite " " " " 35 " 40 "
Youngville " " " 40 " 50 "
Dudleyville " " " 40 " 55 "
Walnut Hill " " " 40 " 50 "

There Central points run North and South, Each and West through the County.
No School Houses in the County.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Allen D Sturdivant
J

NARA 465

Haynesville Lowndes Co Ala
July 9. 1868

Graham Hon Jas W.
Judge of Probate

Gives the names of 20 Points
in that Co. in which schools
might be organized. average no
of scholars would be about 40 at
each place. There are 2 Buildings
in that Co / at Lowndesboro / at
Hannicks belonging to the Bd
Baptist. used for School & Church service

Filed
L Rs E B f 42 - vol 2 -
Recd July 10. 1868.

NARA 466

Haynesville Lowndes Co Ala
July 9th 1868.

Mr J C Hendrix
Sub Asst Comr
Montgomery Ala

Sir,

The undersigned would beg leave to report.

1st That he has no dates upon which to base an accurate opinion as to the number of colored children in the county.

2d That there are about 20 points in the County where schools ought be organized for their education.

(See list of places on another page)

3d That the average number of children at each place would be probably about 40.

4th That there are 2 buildings in the County belonging to churches both used as school houses and churches — one at Lowndesboro and one at Haynesville

All of which is respectfully submitted.

James W Graham
Judge of Probate

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Names of places in Lowndes County at which Schools for colored children might be organized - Viz

1 Hearsis - (Most of that Depot.)
2 Simmons
3 Light foots
4 Mansats
5 Gordonville
6 Collesine
7 Peakus Trail
8 D M Calls
9 Haynesville
10 S. B. M Calls
11 Judge Osborns
12 Stone-place
13 Stanwoods
14 Lowndesboro'
15 John Grahams
16 Benton
17 Farmersville
18 Judge Buckleys
19 John W McQueens
20 A point between A G. M Gehees and Ben Harris or Jas W Graham Judge of Probate

NARA 468

Montgomery Ala
July 9. 1868

Mheon. Miss

States that
about the 1st of last week
a col woman name Emma
come to her, to rent a room
agreed to rent it to her States
that Gil Emma failed to
pay her the rent and
she told her plunder

Affdt Mrs M Eubanks

Filed
2 R Ex B p 138 Vol 2 -
Recvd July 9. 1868

NARA 469

July 9. 1868

Capt. J. L. Hendrix

Sir

I think it but
due to myself, and also to you, to
reply to a document just handed
to me with your signature. I am
as far from keeping any one, either
negro or white person from them
rights as any one can be, and I
think when I explain to you how
this matter stands you will feel
like giving me your protection
against such intruders

About the first of last week, a
negro woman named Emma, came
to me, and wished to rent a room
which I had standing un-rent. I had
seen the girl several times, and as
she had no children. I agreed to
let her have the room, if she would

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the rent ev-ry week in advance.
she said another woman would
take the room with her. but she
positively wished to engage the
room for a month, said she would
move in, and the next day she
and her friend would bring the
money. I saw nothing more of
Emma. but some of the family
mentioned to me that this Lavin-
ia was in Emma's room, and when
asked what she was doing there
replied that Emma rented the
room for both of them. This
Lavinia I know to be a woman
of bad character, and when I
found she was staying here,
gave orders that she should not
come again without my knowledge
On Saturday evening, this Lavin-
ia came to the door with a story.
I asked her what she intended

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to do. She replied very angrily
she" come to get her things, and
would have them, as she paid
rental no room from me, and
could prove it." I ordered her off
and told the drug man, if Lena
had not rented the room she
certainly had nothing to do on
my premises. When the rent of
the room was paid Emma or
any one authorized by her, could
have the things. that I had nothing
to do with Lena, and she had
no business here. So they went
off. She threatening to go to "Hook
Quarters" This morning she come
again with a drug. which I ordered
off. when both Lena and the drug
man rushed past me, defying me,
and threatening me with all sorts
of things. I told them I had the
right to protect my own premises.

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from such intruders, and sent
for a Policie Man - & Lo. a her
quite sick, and our own weak
and nervous - and & beg of you
to use some means to prevent
such outro-geous characters from
intruding upon the rights of quiet
citizens - & those as use violatem
for their useless (to-one) "plunders"
but to prevent her from "Gambno"
it own me, with her abuse, and
feeling that & am forced by this
outro-geous character to submit
to any outrage she chooses to com
-mit - & shall not relinquish her
things to her until the rent is
found - unless you send officers
here for that purpose - Mr Hendry
knows who & am - and & do not
believe he will leave me thus imposed
upon - & told the Lord Loves to
Purchase Corn & know nothing of
her behaviorists

Respectfully

July 9th 1868

M Simeon

NARA 973

Supt Dist of Montgomery Ward
Montgomery Ala July 11th
Auditor N.J.
Clerk Treasury P.O.D.
Requests that Instructions
be furnished Wm Smead
from Montgomery Ala to
Lynchburg Va. at which
place he will be
provided for Encloses
letter from his sister.
Encl

NARA 474

Sub-District of Montgomery,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

Montgomery, Ala., ... Sept 18 1865

Lieut. O. L. Shepherd

Asst Commissioner

State of Ala, Bu R F & F L.

Lieut:

I have the honor to request that Susan Ruffin be furnished Mrs Susan, 3 children Refugee from Montgomery Ala to Cincinnati Ohio which place she expects will provide for her

The above named person has been for a month - and is now being-subsisted by the Government. And unless provision is furnished by will remain a dependent upon the public charity.

Attention is most respectfully invited to the inclosed letter from Mrs Ruffin.

I am Lieut

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Servant

C. Chadeayne Capt

In absence of A. C. Hudnit Sub Asst Comr

NHKH 413

No 4

Enclosure

Received July 10. 1865

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Lynchburg Va July 3 1868

My dear Sister

I would have writtend to you long before now but thought you would have been heare long since we have have been looking for you constantly for 4 weeks Archer Telagraphed and wrote also for you to come immediately and not wait to here eny more, if I were you I would get my ticket if possible and start out and not wait for eny thing, as to Archer going before and officer of naged and promising to take care of you all after you get here, that would be doing what he could not do he is very conscienceous in what he does wrote you that he would do all he could for you, and that you could get along well here your father says he intends to do all he can for you. There is plenty of land for you to have a home and you can make a fathers life much happier by living near him There is no difficulty about you getting along if you only come on, but I have been sick ever since Christmas and Archer payed sixty dollars doctors bills since that time, I am not able to do much work of eny kind, I shall not write any more but sure the nurse until you get here which I hope will be in a week or ten days at forthis come and dont wait you will be provide for

your Sister

Connie A Cauldwell

State of Ala. Penman P.M. A.L.
Montgomery Al. July 11. 1868

Thornley. Maj Gen

Capt 15th Inft Dept Miss & East

Encloses discharge of the within name & men late of the 137 Regt U.S.C.T. together with letter from Second Auditor relating already in this Case.

Filed
LR's E.B. p 232-
Received July 13. 1868

NHRH 406

State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala., July 11th 1868.

Mr Jno. C. Hendrix
Sub Asst Commy
Montgomery Ala

Sir:

I enclose herewith the discharges of the following named men late of 137th U. S. C. I. together with letters from Second Auditor of the Treasury reporting adversely on their claims for bounty

George Young. late Corp Co. D.
Clem Garner " Pvt " "
Benj Gross " " " "

Please acknowledge receipt

By order of
Col and Bvt Brig Gen O. L. Shepherd
Geo Spurlock.
Capt 15th Infy. Bvt Major U.S.A.
A.A.A.G.

NNRM 463

State of Ala Dallas
Montgomery Ala July 11. 1865

S. Hoskey Maj Gen
Capt 15 Infty Brt Maj U.S.A.
A A A Gen

Enclosed the discharges of the within named men late of the U.S.C.T. of the 137th Regt. together with letter from Lieut Col. Reporting adversely on their claim

Filed
Let Rec'd p 232
Aid July 13. 1865

State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala., June 11th 1868.

Mr Jno C. Hendrix.
Sub Asst Comm
Montgomery Ala

Sir:

I enclose herewith the discharges of the following named men late of 137th U.S.C.T. together with letters from Second Auditor of the Treasury reporting adversely on their claims for bounty

Wm Hill, late Pvt Co F
Charles Woods " " " D
Chas Woodhall " " " D.

Please acknowledge receipt

By order of
Col and Bvt Brig Gen O. L. Shepherd.
Geo S Hawkins
Capt 15th Infy. Bvt Maj U.S.A.
A.A.A.G.

AAKH 481

Probate Office Elmore Co
Wetumpka Ala. July 11. 1868

Read. Hon E. S.
Judge of Probate

for him
His memorable, to give
an accurate number of
the colored children in Said
Co. to be educated in

Filed
Statistics average — Hes ba 18 —
Ex Rec Bp 202-Vol 2 —
Received July 14. 1868 —

Probate Office Elmore County
Wetumpka July 11th 1868

Dear Sir -

It is impossible for me to comply with your request, to furnish you with the number of Col.d Citizens in Elmore County, between the years of 60 & 18 -
I have delayed answering your communication, thinking, that Perhaps, the School Superintendent, would be able to furnish me with some information, - but I have not seen him, since your circular letter was received -

Respectfully
Your ob.t Servt
E. S. Reavy
Judge of Probate

J. C. Hemmins
Sub apt Commissioner
Montgomery

NHRH 403

H'd. Qrs. State of Ala. A.D.C.
A.G.

Montgomery Ala. July 15th 68

Arthur P.C.
Chf Quartermaster of Ala.

Acknowledges receipt of
L. C. Saunders Monthly
Return of Quarters
pertaining to Bureau
R.F. & A.L. for the Month
of June 1868.

Voice
Page 2. - 16½ Eds -
Recd July 16. 1868

NHKH 484

State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER.

Montgomery, Ala., July 13th 1868.

Sir: Your Monthly accounts of "Stores Pertaining to Bureau," & ~~C. C. & C. E.,~~ for the month of June 1868, have been received, examined and forwarded to Major General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands, at Washington D. C.

By order of Bv't Brig. General O. L. SHEPHERD, Asst. Commissioner,

W. Pitcher

Chief Quartermaster, Bureau R., F. & A. L., State of Alabama.

To Inv. C. Hendrix
Sub Asst Com
Montgomery
Ala.

Remarks.

MMRM 483

Haynesville Lumber Co.
July 16. 1868

Alexander B. B.

Denies to be furnished a "form" by which he can lease his lands & labor & farm paying the rent of the Land before obtaining of contract. by J. C. Hendrix.

Within Endorsed

Filed
L R E 1868
Recd July 15. 1868

NMKH 426

July 16th 1868

Mr. John A Hendrix

Dear Sir

You will please
Send me by mail a form
for releasing my La
bores from Land Rent
as I want you to ap[illegible]
of Contract. I was in
your Office some time
since and you told me
after my telling you
what the contract was
that it would be neces
sary for me to get an
exemption from Land
Rent for my hands, be
fore your approval
of contract. I will
be up south some of

NMKM 467

my hands as soon as
I get a form for re-
leasing bonds from you
You will also state
whether it will be nec-
essary for the parties
owning land to go be-
fore Officer to be qua
lified. You will please
attend to this matter im
mediately and oblige
Yours &c
Respectfully
B. B. Alexander

NMRM 406

Ex parte Jno C Stanton

Montgomery Ala
July 24. 1868

Stubbs Jno. B
Attorney

Desires to be furnished a copy of order granting Heelas Fountain. Also that he be cited to the law authorizing such procedure

Filed
Ex Dr E 18 p. 252
Recvd July 24. 68

NARA 483

Capt J. C. Hendricks
Sub Agt Comr

Dear Sir:

Will you be Kind enough to furnish me with a copy of the orders by which the bearer has been ousted from his farm and his crop turned over to other parties - please send me also a copy or cite me to the law which authorizes such proceedings.

Very Respectfully &c
Thos. B. Stubbs
Attorney &c

July 20th 1868

NARA 430

Beat No 9 – Maury Co
Pers Cond July 21. 1868

Barrett A.L.
Justice of the Peace

Statement in the case
of an assault and
battery upon Henry
Monk by Thos Perry
Enclosed complaint of
Henry Monk made before
him.

One Evidence

Filed
21st Oct 2 p 18-87-
Record July 24. 68

NARA 491

Beat No. 9 Pine Level P.O.

July 21st 1868

John Hendrix

Ens. Asst. Comm'r

Sir the bearer Henry Moore (Col'd) made complaint to me on oath that he had been assaulted and beat by one Thos. Terry, as you will see by his affidavit I issued a warrent for Terry but before I could have it Executed he left for Montgomery to report Henry Moore to the Bureau to have him carried back Injustification to Henry Moore I refered him to you that you might learn the particulars about the case before you ordered any action on the case as it might possibly be misrepresented to you the Boy has been a faithful laborer for Terry and from what I can learn has been mistreated. If both parties have reported to you, and you desire me to act on the case you will please send the complaint back by the bearer with instructions

Very Respt'ly Your Obt. Svt.

A L Barnett J.P.

NARA 492

Complaint of
Henry Moore (Col'd)
vs
Thos Terry

Rec'd July 2 d. 1866

NARA 493

The State of Alabama }
Montgomery County } Personly appeared before me A.L. Barnett an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Henry Moore (colrd) who being duly Sworn Says that one Thomas Terry did go into his house while he was lying on his bed Sick, and tried to force him to acknowledge to facts that he had never said or heard and because he would not the said Terry did assault and beat him with his fist in the presence of W.J. Barnett and Dr. J.M. Browder having in his pefsession weapons to prevent his resistance and that the said Terry had no just cause whatever to impeach and assault him

Sworn To and Subscribed before me the 20th of July 1868
A.L. Barnett J.P.

his
Henry X Moore
mark

NARA 494

Montgomery Alabama
July 21st 1888

Stubbs - Thos. D.

Attorney at Law

Acknowledges receipt of Copy of Order ousting Reeles Fountain from the premises of Alex Buckolas and desire to be informed of the law upon which said decision is based—

Filed
L. R. & B. Book 232
Received July 22, 1888

Decision filed 22/88

NARA 493

Office No. 6 Perry Street
Montgomery Ala
July 21st 1866

Capt Jno. C. Hendrix
Sub. Asst. Com.

Sir

Your reply to my note of yesterday, is before me.

It contains a copy of the order ejecting Hector Fountain from his lawful possession; but does not contain, or cite me to the law upon which said order was predicated.

Will you be kind enough to comply with this latter request?

Very Respectfully &c
Thos. B. Stubbs
Attorney &c.

NARA 496

War Department
Bu'd Fr. A.L. Office Chf Clk
Washington July 2d. 1868

Whitelaw Reid Esq
Chief Clerk Bureau &c

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of "Monthly Account" of D.C. Hendrix for the month of June 1868

Filed
Let. Rec'd 2 - p 620 -
Received July 3d. 1868 -

NARA 437

[Form 3.]

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Washington, July 24th 1868.

Sir:

Your **PROPERTY** *Account "Stores pertaining to the Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands" for the month of* June, *1868, has been received, examined, and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination and settlement.*

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Chief Quartermaster, Bureau R., F., & A.L.

To J. C. Hendrix
Esq.
Montgomery, Ala.

NARA 498

State of Ala Bu R Fr A L

Montgomery Ala July 31 1867

Miscellaneous

Chf Clerk Bu R. Fr A L

States that the bearer complains that he has been assaulted - and that he has made complaint - and that the same has not been attended to

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NARA 499

State of Alabama,

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala., July 31st 1868.

Bt J Anderson
Act Jub Asst Commr
Montgomery Ala

Sir

I be heard of this statue that he called at your office a week ago and made complaint but that no action has been taken taken, that he was assaulted again last night and forced to leave his home. You will take the proper action at once making report thereof to this office

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Jno. P. Miller
Chf Clerk in charge
In the absence of the Asst.

NARA 300

(Trapper)

Hickory Grove Alabama

Fondville. Perry-

Desires assistance to se-
cure his pay from Mil
Thos. Cottingham

Unwilling

NARA 501

Victory Grove Ala

Capt Kendrick

Dear Sir — If you recollect Some Time back I was in your office to See you in regard to getting my wages from Thos Cottingham for whom I Labored all last year, in the contract he was to give me one hundred & fifty dollars, he is yet due me ninety dollars & wont pay me any more, I went to Sandy Ridge & took out an attachment on his cotton (two bales in the Seed,) The magistrate issued the necessary document, but the constable would not serve it. I then went to you and showed you the document, you then gave me a letter to hand to the Constable McQueen (John McQueen) which I did On the next day when he went to See Cottingham & he told me he had let his father Washington Cottingham have his Cotton (which was two bale) That he was owing his father this Cotton for Some he had borrowed & Washington Cottingham had Sold the Cotton to Armstrong at the gin house — So the Constable proceeded no further as he Said he was at his rope end — I forgot to State to you that the two Cottinghams were in copartnership in the farm, that I assisted in making all the crop, about twenty bales in all & Several hundred bushels [redacted] Corn. and now they have Sold all the Cotton, and intend to Swindle me out of my wages. I can point out the two bales of cotton at the gin house (which is the last of the cotton) which they claim to have Sold to an other man. Thos Cottingham yet has about

NARA 582

Seventy five bushels of Corn on hand and about fifty bushels potatoes, Washington Cottingham also has a good supply of Corn & potatoes on hand all of which I labored hard all the year to help make. Now is there no help for me, I have a family to support, & can't collect my wages, My employers I have arranged it so that civil law cannot get hold of the produce I help to make, & cannot I get some assistance from the bureau, the Cotton is in Montgomery County, & the Corn and potatoes in Lowndes County, & it would be folly to send any more orders to civil officers for my assistance, you will please, send the necessary officers to secure for me my wages. I will also send you my contract. I am now living with Dr. Bugamy near Hickory Grove. It has been told to me by other Freedman that he intended to charge me board for staying in a kitchen near his house, when there was no other place for me to stay when I was laboring for him, and he was to furnish me home also please to give this your earliest attention & much oblige yours &

Darry Frasila

NARA 303

Dadeville Alabama

August 5, 1868

Garrett H. A

Atty Sabeston J. Lea

State that in the case
of Jacob McBurnett & Elias
for Assault & battery upon
& he has prevailed upon
them to submit the case to
the Grand Jury of Talladega
Co

August

Filed
In R.E. Vol 7 p 62 -
Recd Aug 7. 1868

NARA 304

Gadsden Ala
August 5th 1868

Mr W J Andrews Chief &c.

Sir,

I was a few days since handed a communication from your office, setting forth the complaint of Jacob McBurnett. & Ellen, in regard to violence committed upon their persons.

I have consulted with Jacob McBurnett. & advised him that the better course under the Civil Laws, was to submit the whole facts of the case to the Grand Jury of Talladega County at the next term of the Circuit Court. This meets the approbation of the complainants, and the matter will then recive attention.

I make this report of action Taken in the premises as by your Department required

Resp'tfy

H A Garrett

Act Solicitor Talladega Co

NARA 383

Office A. S. A.C.
Montgomery, Ala.
Aug 13, 1864

"

Lieut Hoff. A.A.A.C.
Respectfully reports
his arrival at Maxwell
Ala. and the agency
of an Officer in accordance
with Special Order
No 77 from Asst Genl
of Ala.

"

Filed
L.R. E.B.(2) 184 H.L
Returned August 18, 1864

NARA 506

Office Asst Sub Asst Comm Bu R Frdmn
Montgomery Ala
Aug 1st 1865

J. G. Kenard Esq
Sub Asst Comm
"Sub Dist Montgomery"

Sir

In accordance with Special Order from
Asst Comm'r &c. I have the
honor to report at your Office for Asst Sub Asst
Comm'r in your Sub Dist and
now have the honor to report to you
It will be necessary for me and my
Messenger to be paid on your Roll to
1st. I will also make due Report
through you to the Asst Comm'r.

You will please notify me at
what date you wish my Returns Sent
in to your Office.

I am Sir Very Resp't &c
W A Hunter A.S.A.C.

NARA 387

Oak Grove Manl Co Ala
August 13. 1868

Bowdre, David Esq

Enumerates his reasons
for not being able to
employ Miss Crabb as a
teacher for Freedmen at
that place. He is desirous
of having a Colored Woman
supported by the Bureau
as a Teacher.

Endorsement

Filed
R.C.B. 18 - 89 -
Rec'd Aug 14. 1868

NARA 508

Oak Grove Montgomery cty Ala
August 13th 1868

J. C. Hendrix Esq

Dear Sir

I have yours of the 10th receiving the application of Miss Crabb. & had a few days previously rec'd the endorsed proposal & authority to rent the House which I had spoken for a "School House" for "Freedmen" In answer to both. I will simply state that the House is located in the Centre of the Square around which the "Cabins" for the Laborers were built; Composing what is known as the Quarters on the Plantation & is situated within the Plantation limits So Close to that of Mrs Bailes. Mr Jason Jones & the premises of Mr Edwards. on all of which a Considerable number of Freedmen are at present & their Children would then have in reach at Convenient distance - a School.
The House is cheaply & rather rudely built much in keeping with the Cabins around it & was designed for a Small School for the

NARA 300

children of the freedmen on the place
for a House for religious & school
meetings on the premises
In view of location & other things mentioned
I should think it proper to open the
property for rent, and indeed I am
but a renter of the premises for the year
which is largely past already.
In reference to "Miss Cobb's" application
~~I have stated~~ I have to state that the accom-
modations for my family at the Dwelling
House are so meagre & restricted in room that it could
not be enlarged even by a single individual
& it is not likely miss Cobb could be prevailed
upon in this particular, the "Prairie Mud" alone
sufficient to prevent her from boarding at any
considerable distance from the House. Again.
The recent general limitation of the "Caterpillar" upon
the Cotton Crop of the place will so affect the crop
& their circumstances & ability to pay a Teacher
that it would not be prudent to employ one to be
paid by them. In view of their circumstances
even before this Calamity I was desirous to relieve them
as much as possible & applied for the appropriation to pay
a Colored woman now located on the place, who is
competent to teach the rudiments to reading & writing.
But having taught before & received no Compensation

NARA 318

Treasury Department Second
Auditor's Office
Washington D.C. Aug 14. 1868

Audrs. F
Asty Auditor

States that the claims of
Jno Stanford (who also were
allowed Oak that Office
on March 4. 1868.) except two (2)
The Surg Genl states that the
claims of Say Tinker and
Barnett Williams were
disallowed - as not agreeing
with the Original file —

Filed
Lr to Ex Bd. p 2 - as -
Received August 20. 1868

NARA 311

Treasury Department,

Second Auditor's Office,

August 14th 1868.

Sir.

In reply to your letters of June. last. I have to inform you, that the claims mentioned in your letters, as cooks. nurses &c for $40. each, were all settled by this Office March 4th 1868 except two. which by a letter written by the Surgeon General U.S.A. under date of July 17th 1867 to St. J. Whitney. Sub. a.c. B of R.F. & A.L. at Montgomery. Ala the General says, that the claims of Daniel Tucker & Barnet (not John) Williams were disallowed, as not agreeing with the Original files in his Office. War requisition to the Secretary of the Treasury was issued July 25th. for the payment of the claims settled.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient servant
T. Andrews, Acct Auditor
per JMS.

J. C Hendrick
Sub Asst Commr
B. of R. F. & a Lands
Montgomery
Alabama.

DW

NARA 312

Office Asst Sub Asst Comr
Raymond Miss
Aug 20/64

2 Quarter M.A.
A. A. A. G.

Respectfully enclose
an Estimate of Expenses
of this Office for the
Month of August/864
11

Filed
2 R. E. Bks 84-11 15-
Received August 27th 1888

NARA 313

Office A.A.A. C.S. R.F. & A.L.
Haywood Ala
Aug 20 1865

J. B. Kinsey
Sub Asst Comr

Sir
On obtaining instructions from your Office. I have the honor to Submit the Memorandum Schedule of the expences of my Office for and during the Month of August 1865 viz =

Salary for Self	=	$125.00
" " Messenger	=	" 15.00
Room Rent (Office)	=	" 15.00
Stable "	=	5.00
Postage	=	2.00
		$162.00

My Returns will all be Sent to your Office by the 31st. I am Sir
Very Resp. &c Ott Humber A.A.A.C.S.R.F.&A.L.

NARA 514

State of Alabama Dist. of Ala.
Office Chief Clerk Marine
Montgomery Ala Aug 22. 1868

Mathew H. C.
C. Off. Bureau Vol. Ala

Transmits transportation Coupons for Henry Walker Invalid Fireman from Montgomery Ala to Sandusky Ohio.

Filed
L B J E Bates agt
Steamer August 22. 1868

NARA 315

State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER.

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 24, 1868.

Capt. J. Hendrix
Sub Assistant Commissioner
Montgomery Ala.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith Transportation Coupons for Henry Walker Patsy Freeman from Montgomery Ala to Sandusky Ohio.

I am very Resp
Your Obt Svt
Wm C Arthur
Capt & A.Q.M.
Dist R.F. & A.L.
State Ala.

P

NARA 516

Lieut Dan'l Gemmill Jr. Brt. D. Jr
Gen'l Staff
Gen'l Staff
Asst Adjt Gen'l

McGregg, J. F.
Asst Adjt Gen'l

States that Mr Lewis
Pierce is out of town at that
time - and that as soon
as he returns he will at-
tend to the matter and
report his action.

Filed
L R & B Aug 4 - 1867 -
Received August 26. 68

NARA 317

Sub Dist of Greenville
Dem Ex Com
Greenville Oct 27th 1868

Jno. L. C. Hendrix
Pub asst comm
Montgomery Ala

your communication
of the 7th inst is at hand.
Louis Perry is out of town
at this time, as soon as he
returns I will attend to the
case and report the result
to you without delay

Yours Johnnie
Very respectfully
your obt Servant
J. F. McCrory
Sub Asst Comm

NARA 318

Asst. A. D. C. & Ass. Adt. Gen.
Washington City Aug. 19. 1864

Hunter, D. H.
A. D. C. Commissioners

States that there was no understanding with Maj. Stanley that his allowances should be cut off. Requests that the accompanying letter be forwarded by the first Comdg. officer

Received August 22. 1864

NARA 319

Post Office
Maysville Ala
Aug 27/864

J C Kenard
Asst Post Com

Dear Sir

I am
is just in receipt of
that my allowance has been cut
off. then was no such understanding
when Maj Shanks placed
my claim in the Post Comm
office that I was not entitled to any allowance
may not be known. you know I
have a final duty to perform
travelling all on the Cincinnati Road
Please give this matter
will be of many next pleasure
the Post Comm in person about it
and I will be much pleased
Respt

W M Hunter Q.M.S.C

NARA 320

State of Ala Dist A. to D.C.

Montgomery Ala Aug 28. 1861

Com. Comm'd and Sy &c.

Capt 33d Infty & A A A G Comm

Enclose Discharge of the
within named enlisted Cadet
of the 33d U. S. Infantry
with letter from Secretary of War
ordering discharge. Also Descr

Ord. Dept
L R & B. p 233 — 5-11-

Recd Aug 28. 1861

NARA 521

L.73.949.

State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala., August 28" 1868.

Mr. John C. Hendrix
Sub. Asst. Commissioner
Montgomery Ala

Sir:-

I enclose herewith the discharges of the following named colored soldiers, together with letters from the Second Auditor reporting adversely to their claims for bounty &c.

Eli Carter	late Prvt.	C	I"	107" U.S.C.T.
Ira Holland	"	Corpl.	H	"
Humphrey Rupon	"	Prvt.	"	"
Daniel Rickson	"	"	"	"
Samuel Rickson	"	"	"	"
Daniel Stone	"	"	"	"
Barry Thompson	"	Corpl.	"	"
Winston Wood	"	1" Sergt.	H.	"

Please acknowledge receipt.

By order of Prvt. Lieut. Col. E. Beecher

Assistant Commissioner

O. C. Sanderson

Capt 33" Inty a.a.a.g

NARA 322

State of Alabama Dr. P. G. & L.

Madison Ala. Aug 25. 1868

Freedmens Bureau

A. A. A. G. Bureau

Instructions in answer of the within named Colored Citizen of Ala. 13th U.S.C.T. to gather with letters from the Second Auditor upon the adjustment of their claims

Ref'd
Lr. Ec. Br. p 284 - Dis -
Received Augus 28. 1868

NARA 523

L. 73. 948.

State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala., August 22nd 1868.

Bvt. J. C. Hendrix
Sub. Asst. Commissioner
Montgomery Ala.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith the discharges of the following named colored soldiers, together with letters from the Second Auditor reporting adversely to their claims for bounty &c.

Jeremiah Goodwin late Sergt. Co D 137th U.S.C.I.
Henry Grosby " Prvt. " H "
John Carter " " " I " "
Osborne Chambers " " " " " "
William McKinney " " " " " "

Please acknowledge receipt

By order of Bvt. Lieut. Col. E. Beecher
Asistant Commissioner

R Richardson
Captain 33rd Infantry
A. A. A. Genl.

NARA 524

State of Alabama Bu C. Fr & L.

Montgomery Ala Aug 2[illegible]/65

Sir

I have the honor to report that I have this day received from Capt [illegible] Provost Marshal 13th Army Corps & Bu C. Fr & L. the following described property, viz:

Enclosed Discharge of the within named soldiers of Co. 107 Regt U.S.C.T. together with letter from Second Auditor upon the same subject.

Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt

[illegible]

Lieut

Com Regt & Bn 1st Alabama Vols

Received Aug 28. 1865

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L 73. 950

State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala., August 28" 1868.

Lt. J. C. Hendrix
Sub. Asst. Commissioner
Montgomery, Ala.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the discharge of Paul Dillehay late a Private of Co "A" 137" U. S. C. Troops together with letter from the Second Auditor reporting adversely to his claim for bounty &c

Please acknowledge receipt.

By order of Bvt Lieut Col E. Beecher
Assistant Commissioner

O. W. Sanderson
Captain 33" Infantry
A. A. A. General.

NARA 526

War Dept. Bu R. Fand A L
Officer C.q.m.
Washington Aug 31. 1868

Whitney. H. M.
Lt & Quarter Master

Acknowledges receipt
of Monthly Returns of Stores
pertaining to Bu R. F & A L for
the month of July 1868

Filed
Lr. & Bks 1870
Received September 4. 1868

NARA 527

[Form 3.]

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Washington, August 3d 1868.

Sir:

Your **PROPERTY** *Account "Stores pertaining to the Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands" for the month of July, 1868, has been received, examined and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination and settlement.*

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Chief Quartermaster, Bureau R., F., & A.L.

To L. M. Kendrick
Superintendent
Montgomery, Ala

NARA 528

Left 3-1868
Hendrix J. C.

Sept

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Sub-District of Montgomery,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala., September 3. 1868

James H. Stratton Esq
Notary Public
Montgomery Ala

Sir.

The bearer of this Charles Woodhall complains that he has been discharged from the plantation of Miss Rachel Ware, and that she has failed to pay him for seven months labor at Seven Dollars per month.

The case is respectfully referred to you for action as per the Laws of the State in such case—

Your Ob't Servant
J. C. Beckwith
Sub Asst Commissioner

NARA 530

Capt. John C Hendrix
Dear Sir

Mr Ware is one of my Securities
on my Bond I do not wish to
have the case on that account
turn it over to some other Justice
I am obliged to You for sending
me the case, under any other cir-
cumstances I would hold the case
Rockbridge

J H Miller J P

NARA 531

Hqrs Bu. R. F. & A. Miss 1868

Greenwood, Miss.,
Sept. 13th 1868

Huggins, Allen P.

Agent &c.,

Submits account of J. Brooks Porter, Col'd, against J. J. Pierce; also a Due bill in favor of August Holland (Col'd) deceased, whose widow Anna requests collection of the same.

States that like claims were for'd by him in Apl. 68 which were collected by Asst Com. of Ala. of from Mr. Pierce, who now resides at Robinson Springs near Montgomery Ala.; that these claims are for labor due for the years 66 & 67; that Mrs E. S. Butler was a partner for the year 67 — Pierce furnishing lands & she the land & expenses —

Two Enclosures

Bureau Refugees. Freedmen
Office Asst. Comr for Miss
Vicksburg Miss Sept 23. 1868

Respectfully referred to the
Asst. Commissioner Bureau R. F.
& A. L. State of Alabama,
Montgomery, Ala.

Alvan C. Gillem
Bvt Major Gen U. S. A., Asst Comr
State of Miss.

BUREAU R. F. & A. L. — OFFICE ASST COMMR — ALABAMA — RECD SEP 28 1868

A. G. O. Ms. Vol. 291. Sept 28. 1868.

State of Alabama B. R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery, Sept 28th 68

Respectfully referred to
Wm C. Hendrix Sub. Asst.
Commissioner, Montgomery
Ala.

By order of
Bvt. Lieut. Col. Beecher
Asst Commissioner
A. Sanderson
Captain 33d Infantry
A. A. A. Genl

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Bureau Refugees Freedmen &c
Office Asst. Sub. Dist. Bureau
Greenwood Miss Sept 13th 1868

Major Jno Tyler
A. A. A. G. Dist N. & C. L.
For State of Miss Vicksburg Miss.

Major.

I have the honor to submit herewith account of Freedman Rapp Porter, with Mr. Junius F. Pierce also a duebill for Thirty dollars ($30.00) in favor of Freedman August Holland now deceased, whose Widow Anna Holland presents the duebill at this Office and requests assistance in Collecting said dues.

I have to respectfully state that in the month of April 1868, I forwarded claims for quite a number of laborers against this Mr. Pierce who now is living at Robinsons Springs near Montgomery Ala, which remained Collected By the Sub Asst Commissioner at Montgomery, in making settlement with the Party these additional claims have been presented and which are justly due for services rendered in the

NARA 533

growing and gathering of good and superior Cotton Crop for Mr Pierce during the years 1868 & 1869.

For the latter year a Copartnership existed between Mrs E. S. Butler & Mr Jamison of Pierce. The Articles of Agreement between them Specified that Mrs Butler was to furnish Land, supplies, &c & Mr Pierce the hand hire.

I would request that these claims be referred to the proper Officials in the State of Alabama for collection.

I am Major
very Respectfully
Your Most Obt Servt
Allen P. Huggins
Agent Bu R. L. & F. L.

NARA 534

Hqrs 1st Bn. R. Inf Miss 1868

NARA 535

French Bunel Agent Rim Ship
Sept 11th 1862,

Brig Porter Steamer
In account with
Thos Jamison J. Pierce

1862
Sept 1st To Bill Merchandize $ 24. 15
for
" 3d To 5 11/26 Months Services Rendered
At $15. Pr Month $ 81,32

Errors Excepted $ 34,17

NARA 536

State of Ala Bu R. Fr. A. L.

Office of Gen

Montgomery Ala. Feb 18. 1868

D. H. C. Arthur

Lt Quarter Master & Stab Capt

Schedule and receipts of

"Monthly Accounts" of Stores

pertaining to Pensacola & C. C.

C. G. for August 1868

Filed

Dft 6 B 2 p 4 a 8

Received Feb 18. 1868

NARA 537

State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER.

Montgomery, Ala., Sept 15th 1868.

Sir: Your Monthly accounts of "Stores Pertaining to Bureau," & C. C. & G. E., for the month of August 1868, have been received, examined and forwarded to Major General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands, at Washington D. C.

Lt-Col. Edwin Deuchen

By order of Bv't Brig. General O. L. SHEPHERD, Asst. Commissioner,

W. Letherman

Chief Quartermaster, Bureau R., F. & A. L., State of Alabama.

To Jno. C. Harding
Sub Asst Com'r

Remarks.

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Ag 5 Bu R G. vol Miss 1848

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Recd of Augst Holland May 14th
1867 Thirty 50/100 Dollars of day=
book Plantation Money which I
take to have redeemed.

J. J. Pierce

NARA 548

Sub Dist of Montgomery Ala Sept

Montgomery Ala Sept 16. 1868

Hon Lieut J. C.
Sub Asst Commissioner

Request that transportation be furnished Miss Carrie Boyce from Montgomery Ala to Knoxville Tenn Enclosed is the form Knoxville in which she is principal employment, should she get to that place.

One (1) Enclosure

Reed Bk- Sept 22. 1868

E.X. In. 834. Ref. a. 1868.

State of Alabama. 7 B.R.F.&L.
Montgomery Sept. 21st 1868

Respectfully returned to J.C. Hendrix Sub. Asst. Commissioner Montgomery, Alabama.

Genl. Howard stated while here, that transportation would not be furnished except in extreme cases, when the parties are a public charge.

By order of
Bvt. Lieut. Col. E. Brooks
Asst. Commissioner
E Saunders
Captain 33 Infantry
A. A. A. Genl.

Filed- L.R.E.B. p 89-1119-

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Sub-District of Montgomery,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

Montgomery, Ala., September 16 1868

Col Edwin Beckel
Bvt Lt Col U.S.V
Assistant Commissioner
State of Alabama Bu R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery Ala.

Colonel

I have the honor to request that transportation be furnished Miss Carrie Boyer refugee from Montgomery Ala to Knoxville Tenn. at which place she has the promise of employment—

The above named person is now being supported by the Government and it is found that she will be enabled, unless transportation is furnished.

I therefore most respectfully invite to the necessary communication which guarantees her employment if she can get to Knoxville.

Your Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
J. C. Hendrix
Sub Asst Commissioner

NARA 342

Anderson Co Tenn
Sept 4. 1864

Dunend, Mrs Eliza

State that if Miss Carrie Boyce can get to Knoxville, she will give her employment in her household or

Recd Del Dugan Sept 16. 1868

NARA 543

Anderson Co Texas
Sept 4

Dear Carrie I received
one letter since you went home I
was very sorry you did not find
your Brother in Montgomery you had
better taken my advice and Staid
here until you knew where your
Brother was Thus leaves all well except
my husbands Cough it troubled him
a good deal times are pretty much
now as when you was here Furgerson
and his wife have left Coal Creek
and gone to Ga you say the
times are very hard in Ala you
know times are not hard here
Carrie I wish you was back as you
have no Friends to take Care of you
there you can still have your place
if you can get back I have not
hired any other girl yet you can
have a home with me as long as
you want it if you behave and do
as you did when you was here
I thought you would be sorry you left
a good place if you can get any way
to come come back there is plenty
of work to do you never in my
house Miss Lotta is still with me
yet she wants you to come back
too you say there is a widow
that wants to come to Tennessee
to try and make a living if she
is able to work it would be
no trouble for her to get a home
She could get a home with my
Sister Mrs John Ross you know
her ten miles from me She wants
a housekeeper if you both can manage
to get up here there will be no
difficulty about making a living if
they will work well I believe I
have write enough I saw your beau
Joe walking around the other day
he look quite lonely write either
you can come or not

I remain Your Friend
Mrs Eliza Queener

NARA 344

War Dept. Bur R. P. & L —
Offic Chf Engr
Washington D.C. Sept 21. 1868

Whitbeck J. A.
Chf Engr. Bureau

Acknowledgement
of C. & O. Ry Co. for the
month of August 1865.

Filed
Rec'd — Sept 26 1868

NARA 545

[Form 5.]

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER.

Washington, Sept 21st 1868.

Sir:

Your Monthly Account "~~Quartermaster's Stores and~~ Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equipage, Q. M. Department," for the month of August 1868, has been received, examined, *and forwarded to Bvt. Maj.-Gen. M. C. Meigs, Quartermaster-General U. S. Army.*

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

[signature]

Chief Quartermaster, Bureau R., F., & A.L.

To J. C. Hendrix

[illegible]

Montgomery Ala

NARA 546

War Dept Bureau
Office Q.M.G.
Washington Feb 21. 1864

Whitbeck H.C.M.
Q.M. Gen. Saward

Returned herewith Mr. [illegible]
"Property Account" for the
month of August 1863

Inclosed
LR's C's p 320-W 6
Rec'd [illegible], 25. 1.

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[Form 3.]

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Washington, Sept 21st, 1868.

Sir:

Your **PROPERTY** *Account "Stores pertaining to the Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands" for the month of August, 1868, has been received, examined, and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination and settlement.*

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Chief Quartermaster, Bureau R., F., & A.L.

To J. C. Newbury
A.A.A.
Montgomery Ala

NARA 348

Sub. List of Montgomery
Sur. R. F. and A. Lander

Montgomery Ala. Sept 26/68

Hendrix J. C.
Lieut. Asst. Com'r

Requesting information relative
to one Hannah Bryant
freedwoman.

Ser. No. 6.

Summary of R. F. and A. L.
Office Sub. District
New Berne Oct 17-68

Respectfully returned to J. C.
Hendrix with the information
that the said Hannah Bryan
freedwoman is at present living
in New Berne with some of
her colored friends and is
not dependent upon the Govt
for her support.

Nathl Shaw
Bureau Officer
Lieut Dist. New Bern

Filed
L R E Bk 90-11 & 4-
Recd Oct 19. 1868

NARA 349

Sub-District of Montgomery,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

Montgomery, Ala., September 26 1868.

Capt. Du R. F. & A. L.

Tuskeene Ala.

Sir,

Information is desired as to the present condition of one Hannah Bryan freedwoman. She used to live with Mr Chadwick of Tuskeene. Whether or not she is being enticed by the Government

Very Respectfully

Your Obd't Servant

J. C. Lindsley

Sub Asst Commissioner

NARA 530

Office Agt Bu A Fr L
Waynesboro Sept 27. 18

Dundas Ref.
Agent

State that I was sent to
in Montgomery on the 20th
to sign bonds but could not

Filed
LR Ltr 37 p 88 —
Rec'd Sept 30. 1868

NARA 331

Office Agent Bu. R., F. & A. L.,

Hayneville, Ala., Sept 7 1868.

Lt. D. A. Fendrick
A. Comm'r

Dear Sir

I write to ask you to call on the 21st
with my Returns, and to sign the
"Receipt Roll". All special charges
Liens. I am Sir
Your Ob't Serv't

W. H. Hunter
Asst Com'r R.F. & L.

NARA 332

War Dept. Bu. R. F. & L.
Washington D.C. Oct 2. 1868.

Genl. Supt.

Genl. Supt. Ry. Transp.

Acknowledges receipt of
Duke Ross's Application for
[redacted]
on U.S. Steamship [redacted]

October

Filed
Ltr. R. F. & L. Bu. to Do.
Recd Oct 16. 1868

NARA 553

War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
CLAIM DIVISION.

Washington, Oct 2, 1868.

J. C. Hendrix. Esq.
Agent Freedmen
Montgomery Ala.

Sir

I am directed by Major-General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, to acknowledge the receipt this day of papers in the claim for bounty (Army.) in the case of the following-named discharged man soldiers.

John Ross Mus. Co. , Regt. U. S. Ship
Octorara

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

William R. Drew.
Agent Freedmen Bu

Thos. O. Acala

NARA 534

Washington D.C.
Oct. 9th

Benjamin Allen Late of
Co. M 1st Iowa asks
Bounty Due Act of
Sundries of his Claim

Ld 13 48 8, a.
m. 12k. 4,

Washington D.C.
Oct. 13th

Respectfully returned to
Mr Benjamin through Asst.
C. F. and A. L. Montgomery Ala.
with the information that
upon thorough search of
records of Gen. O. Neill his
name is not found and
evidence that claim had
ever been presented.
Soldier holds receipt for his
discharge he will please send
a copy thereof.

Respectfully,
Asst Gen O'Neill

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NARA 333

Sub-District of Montgomery,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala., [illegible] *1868*

John O'Neil Esq
211 Penn Avenue
Washington D. C.

Sir;

[illegible]

Respectfully

[illegible]
Asst Sub Dist Commissioner

please Sir pay the Rent
that is now hanging over
my head, then I will be
Satisfied. Sir If you do not
Sincerily consent for I have
not gatted to pay, If you donot
pay the Rent I will have to gave
up the School, the Rent is due
on next Wednesday, and I told
him that you would pay because
you told me, that you would
Insume to pay me, Yours
Obedient Servant
Rev M G Thomas
Teacher of colord
School
Wetumpka
Ala

Frost
Box no
64

Oct 5: 1865-
Received

NARA 337

Washington ccla.
Oct 5th 1868

Mr hundrix

Sir I send in to you the pass months School Report, & Sir I must tell you the Solemn Thruth, I am now in fifteen (15) dolls, in debt. at the very pres time I owes Mr. B Taylor (15) dolls, for three months pass I have not paid him any thing, I know that the colord people up here was not able to pay at pres for they are poor, & could not pay, I should not have kept the house If you had not promis to pay the Rent on it, the house not paid me any thing more than (2 d & 2) for the pass month, Mr Taylor are after his money I aint Got it to pay him I call to the parents of the children on friday last, I only Got (two d & 2)

NARA 538

please sir pay the Rent
that is now hanging over
my head, then I will be
Satisfide. Sir If you do not
Sorely cannot for I have
not Gathed to pay, If you dont
pay the Rent I will have to give
up the School, the Rent is due
on next Wednesday, and I told
him that you would pay because
you told me, that you Would
Instruct to pay me, Yours

Obedient Servant
Rev M. Thomas
Teacher of Colord
School
Tuskegee
Ala

Post
Bat no
64

Oct 5: 1885
Received

NARA 559

Offices Agent Sac & F. Agency A. T.
Haywards Ala Oct 5. 18

Hunter U. S.
Agent

Request that 2 sets of
Statistical Questions blanks
be sent him —

Filed
Oct 13. 1868 —
Rec'd Oct 6 1868

NARA 560

Office Agent Bu. R., F. & A. L.,

Hayneville, Ala., October 5-11 1868.

Genl. J. B. Kiddoo
Asst. Comm.
S. D. Miss.

Sir please
Send to me by return mail five
Sets Blank Stationary Returns
and oblige Yours Truly

J. R. Miller
Agent

NARA 361

Prattville Alabama
Oct. 16. 1868

W. R. Logan
School Teacher.

Enclosed reports for Sept and October.

NARA 362

Prattville Oct 16th 1918
Capt- Jno. C. Ebenbeck

Dear Sir

you will find ~~the~~ ~~Hatton~~ inclosed both of My Reports for Sept & Oct I would have sent in Any Report for Sept Soone But O Sent in two & I did not know wether it was necessary to send in Any more or not- But Hereafter O Shall Send them in Regular

Respectfully Your

W. D. Bowen

NARA 563

State of Alabama Sn. D. Ct. S.D.

Montgomery Dec. Ct. 1818

Decker Edmund

Pet. for Rel. & Ord. to Cert Comm.

Exchange of Ala
Cir. Sale Pet. Ca & Ord. accordingly
together with letter from
Secre Auditor reporting
a Balance by them

Filed
Ltr Rq. Ex. Rep. p 22. Bill
Recd October 19. 1818

NARA 564

L. 73. 1000

State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala., Octobed 19" 1868.

Mr. John C. Hendrix
Sub. Asst. Commissioner
Montgomery. Ala.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith the discharge of George Coil, late Private Co K. 10" Regt U. S. C. Artillery, together with letter from the Second Auditor, reporting adversely to his claim.

Please acknowledge receipt

Very respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Edwin Beecher.
Brvt. Lieut Col. U. S. V.
Asst. Commissioner

NARA 363

Rec'd Nov. 3d 1868. Transferred

Sub District of Montgomery
B. R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery Ala, Oct. 29/68

Jno L Hendrix
Sub Asst Commr

I have the Honr to Req.t Cy to Report that the Child spoken of is with Mr. Maxwell, that he is well cared & that Mr. Maxwell sends him to School, that the Mother left him in the Street without home some two years ago when she was sent to the Penitentiary for Stealing, and unless a great reformation has taken place with her it would be a great pity to take the child from the good home he has. Mr. Maxwell will give up the child at any time required, but will not pay one cent of his Expences. he also desires me to say that her husband has never paid him one cent or been to see him since she was sent off & that he left her some two months before she was sent up

Very Req.tly your Ob.t Serv.t

R V Blair
Asst Com. R F & A L

States that application has been made by Sarah Green for assistance in getting her son Wm Maxwell from Tuscaloosa to this place. The travelling expenses to be paid by Wm B Maxwell of Tuscaloosa. Requests attention to the matter

Recd Bk Oct 9. 1868 - Dated

NARA 566

Sub-District of Montgomery.

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala., October 28 1868

Mr Robt Blair -
Sub Asst Comm'r -

Sir.

Application has been made to me by Sarah Trent for assistance in getting her son Wm H Maxwell from Tuscaloosa to this place.

She states that Mr Robt D Maxwell a citizen of Tuscaloosa with whom William is now living - will permit & the means to pay the Expenses of travel of William.

By attending to this case you will confer a great favor on an affectionate mother.

Yours &c
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
J. C. Hendrick
Sub Asst Commissioner

NARA 367

No 26 ff E 1868

Metumkb. Ala Oct 22nd

M Cutcheon J.C.
Supt Education Elmore

States that there are 118 Col'd pupils in T. 18. and that there is no house to rent. Will need $700.00 to build a house. Ground can be secured to the Trustees.

State of Ala. Bureau &c.
Office Supt Education
Montgomery Oct. 29/1868

Respectfully referred to John C Hendrix S. A Comm Montgomery for investigation and recommendation.

R. D. Harper
Supt Education

Rec'd Oct 28 1868

NARA 568

Wetumpka Ala Oct 22nd 1868

Dr R D Harper

Supt of Education

Sir

We have one hundred and twenty five Colored children in Township Eighteen (18) Range nineteen (19) in Elmore County. Then is no house that we can rent and will have to build one which we can't do unless we can get seven hundred dollars from the Freedmen's Bureau to help build said house. The Colored people is not able to build a house sufficient to accomodate the Students but if we can get seven hundred from you we will put up the house. the land has been secured to the Trustees of the Church which I represent and they are willing to secure it to the School Trustees for School purposes Will want a Teacher as soon as the house can be put up

Let me hear from you

Yours Respectfully

J A McCutcheon

County Sup't of Pub. Instr.

NARA 363

Ent Regist Montgomery
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery Ala Oct 10th 1868

Vouchers &c.

Ent Asst Commissioner

Request that transportation be furnished Caesar Nelson from Montgomery Ala to Craugelang Ct H, S C. At which place his brother Abraham Nelson will provide for him. Letter attached to the endorsement of Bvt Lt Col R F & A L Greene A A A G as to the ability and willingness of Abraham Nelson to support his brother should transportation be furnished him.

One (1) Enclosure

BUREAU R. F. & A. L. FREEDMEN ASST COM'R ALABAMA RECD OCT 12 1868

L. R. B. No 297. Ser of a. 1868.

State of Alabama
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery, Oct 12th 68.

Respectfully forwarded to Major General O. O. Howard, Commissioner &c. Washington D. C. for instructions

Edwin Beecher.
Bvt Lieut. Col. U. S. V.
Asst. Commissioner.

BUREAU R. F. & A. L. ALABAMA RECD OCT 22 1868 OFFICE ASST COM'R

War Department
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington Oct 17th 68

Respectfully returned, disapproved. This case does not appear to come within the provisions of Circular № 3 8 17. from this Bureau.

By order of
Maj Genl O. O. Howard.

F. D. Swan
A. A. A. Genl.

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Vol 5

L. R. B. No. 556. Ser of a. 1868

Read Ent Dupl Oct 23. 1868

State of Alabama. B. R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery Oct. 22nd 68

Respectfully returned to J. C. Hendrix Sub. Asst. Commissioner Montgomery, Ala. and attention called to endorsement of the a. a. a. Genl.

Edwin Beecher.
Bvt Lieut Col. U. S. V.
Asst. Commissioner

Filed
L. R. C. B. No 611
1868

NARA 578

Sub District of Montgomery
Swear R. and S. E.
Montgomery Ala Oct 10. 1865.

Gen'l Edwin Peeler
Asst Commissioner
State of Alabama
Ken B. F. & A. L.
Montgomery Ala

General:

I have the honor to request that transportation be furnished Caesar Wilson freedman from Montgomery Ala to Owensboro Ky. via which place his brother Abraham Wilson will provide for him.

The above named applicant is dependent upon the public charity for support.

Attention is most respectfully invited to the endorsement of Bvt Maj Genl. O. H. Brennan on the within communication as to the ability & willingness of Abraham Wilson to support his brother should transportation be furnished.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
Saml Colonel

NARA 571

Yours Obdt Servt

J. C. Hendrix

Ex Ind Asst Commissioner

NARA 572

Sub Dist'd Montgomery
Bu R.F. & A.L.
Montgomery. Ala. Sept 19/68

Hendrix
J. C.
Sub. Asst. Comm.

asks information as to ability and willingness of Abraham Wilson & Support his brother Ceaser Wilson. should transportation be furnished him to Orangeburg S.C. that he is now being supported by the Govt.

Recd Sept 23d 1868.
E.M.B. 268 H.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Orangeburg. S.C. Sept 28
1868

Respectfully returned to J. C. Hendrix Asst Comm Bureau R.F. & A.L. Montgomery Ala. with the information. That Ceaser Wilsons. Brother Abraham and Ceaers Wife have and support him, Will support him, if he is furnished transportation to this place

Jos A. Greene
Clerk Bu R.F. & A.L.

Recd Subdistrict Sept 30. 1868

NARA 373

Sub-District of Montgomery.

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala., September 19, 1868

Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Orangeburg S. C.

Sir;

Information is denied as to the whereabouts and willingness of Abraham Nelson (who has in Orangeburg) to conduct his family (consisting of two persons) to Orangeburg.

Abram Nelson is now living at this place and is being watched by the Government.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
J. L. Eberhart
Sub Asst Commissioner

NARA 374

State of Alabama
Bu. R. F. & A. L.
Office Chief Clerk
Montgomery, Oct 13, 1865

W. C. Arthur
Chief Clerk

States that Monthly Returns of Stores pertaining to Bureau and A. & I. G. O. has been received, examined, and forwarded to Major Gen. O. O. Howard,

NARA 575

State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER.

Montgomery, Ala., Oct 13th 1868.

Sir: Your Monthly accounts of "Stores Pertaining to Bureau," & C. C. & G. E., for the month of September 1868, have been received, examined and forwarded to Major General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands, at Washington D. C.

Respectfully Your Obt. Servt.

By order of Bv't ~~Brig. General~~ O. L. SHEPHERD, Asst. Commissioner,

W. C Arthur

Chief Quartermaster, Bureau R., F. & A. L., State of Alabama.

To. Lieut. C Hendrix
Sub Asst. Comm'r
Montg. Ala

Remarks.

W.

NARA 376

Let M. 221. Dept. 1868.

Montgomery, Ala
October 12th 1868.

Sub. District of Selma
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Selma, Ala, October 19th 1868

Crump. J. P.

Respectfully referred to
Jno. C. Kendrick Sub. Asst
Comm'r, Montgomery, Ala,
(thro' Opt. Asst. Commissioner)
whose attention is invited
to the enclosed letter from
Corpl James Co. and
request made, that it be
ascertained if the circum-
stances of E. J. Crumps are
such as to render a change
of residence on the part
of Ella, desirable.

Chas. E. Dawley
Sub. Asst. Comm'r.

Requests that his daughter Ella J. Crump, who lives with Mr. Lomax, at Portland be returned to him.

Rec'd Dept. Oct. 1868.

NARA 377

Office Circuit Clerk
Montgomery, Octo 12th 1868.

I hereby certify that S. D. Crump Esq is personally known to me, that he is a man of good moral character and competent of caring for & educating his Child. Attest W. D Brainard
Clk Circuit Court

My only child Ella by Crump is now living with Lorenzo James in your County (Dallas) and I am very anxious to have her with me and care for, & educate her as in my power which will be of credit to me as a father. I am fully competent to care for this my only child, and feeling the greatest solicitude for her future welfare respectfully solicit your good offices in having her delivered to my care.

If you will be so kind as to advise me when I can come to Selma and get my dear little

NARA 378

Montgomery Ala
Oct 12th 1868.

Lula Asch Consid
B.R. F. & A. L.
Selma Ala

Dear Sir

My only child Ella
G Crumpe is now living
with Lorenzo James in your
County (Dallas) and I am
very anxious to have her
with me and take care for, &
educate her as in a manner
which will be of credit to
me as a father. I am fully
consident to care for this
my only child, and fully
the greatest solicitude for
her future welfare promise
selecth your good offices
in having her delivered to
my care.

If you will be
so kind as to advise me
when I can come to Selma
and get my dear little girl you
will bestow a favor that

NARA 373

well never be forgotten
on yours most obedt
servant
H. D. Crump.

NARA 380

War Dept Bureau of C.T. &c
Office Asst Qr Mr
Washington D.C. Oct 20. 1864

Whitbeck & Hall
Off Asst Qr Mr

Inclosed I return receipt of
"Property Account" for the
quarter ending Sept 30 1864

Filed
L.R.E.B. vol 32 p. 109-
Received Oct 24. 1864

NARA 381

[Form 3.]

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Washington, Oct 20th 1868.

Sir:

Your **PROPERTY** *Account "Stores pertaining to the Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands" for the month of* September, 1868, *has been received, examined, and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination and settlement.*

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Chief Quartermaster, Bureau R., F., & A.L.

To J. C. Hendrix

Montgomery, Ala.

NARA 582

War Dept Bu R F & A. L
Office Chief Clerk
Washington Oct 21. 1868

Wadsworth Wm.
Off & U. Pension

Acknowledges receipt
of C. C. & E. of the
ult. of September 1868

Filed
L R & B. papers 08-
Recd Oct 24. 1868

NARA 583

[Form 5.]

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER.

Washington, Oct 20th *1868.*

Sir:

Your Monthly Account "~~Quartermaster's Stores and~~ Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equipage, Q. M. Department," for the month of September — *1868, has been received, examined, and forwarded to Bvt. Maj.-Gen. M. C. Meigs, Quartermaster-General U. S. Army.*

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Chief Quartermaster, Bureau R., F., & A.L.

To J. C. Hendrix

Ft. Gaines

Montgomery, Ala.

NARA 584

Montgomery, Ala
October 22d 1868.

Crump. J. D.

Requests that his daughter Ella, now living with Mr. Lorenzo James at Portland be restored to him.

L E & M. - 229. S. Dof. L. 1868. -

Sub. District of Selma
Bureau R F & A. L.
Selma, Ala, October 23" 68.

Respectfully referred to Lieu. C. Hendrix, Sub. Asst Commr Montgomery Ala through Office Asst. Commissioner for Ala

From the best information received at this Office, it is thought that at the interests of the child Ella require that she remain where she is now

Chas. C. Sanders
Sub Asst Commr

E & M. 862. S. of A. 1868

State of Alabama
Bur. R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery Oct 26 68

Respectfully referred to Lt. Hendrix. Sub. Asst. Commissioner, Montgomery Ala

Edwin Beecher
Brvt. Lieut Col U.S.V.
Asst. Commr.

Oct. 25
Rec'd Sub Dist Montg. Oct 26" 1868.
Rec'd S. Dof. L. Oct. 23' 1868.

NARA 585

Montgomery Ala. Oct 22. 1868.

Mr Bailey
Sub Apt Comr. Freedmen Bureau.
Sir.

I write to you for information and asistance will state the following. I am the father of a child by the name Ella Lee. about three years old. She is now in the hopeless of Mr Lorenzo James. who lives at Portland. and who refuses to give up the child. He claims her by right of the supposed will of her mother. before her death. which. I am informed. is not valid or binding. even if made. Please answer as soon as practicable & let me Know the steps necessary for me to take in order to get her in my hopeless. and I will come down to Selma. myself.

Your Very Respectfully
J. D. Crumb.

Direct J. D. Crumb. Montgomery Ala

NARA 386

State of Alabama
B. R. F. & L.
Office Supt. of Education
Montgomery, Ala. Oct. 28, '68

R. D. Harper
Supt of Education

Requests an early interview at his office, and a consultation in regard to a communication received from parties at Wetumpka and Prattville, who desire aid in erecting school buildings

Rec'd Oct 28. 1868—

NHRM 387

STATE OF ALABAMA,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.

Montgomery, Ala., Oct 28 1868.

Wm. I. C. Hendrix
Sub. Asst. Com. &c.

Dear Sir.

Please call at my office at your earliest convenience. I wish to see you with regard to a communication from Wetumpka & Dadeville desiring aid in Erection of school buildings.

Yours truly

R. D. Hasken

NHKM 388

Montgomery Ala
Oct 21st 1868.

Brev Maj. E. Ayres
Asst Commr

Encloses discharges of certain named colored men late of 137th U.S.C.T. with letter from 2nd Auditor reporting adversely to their claims. Requests acknowledgement

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1868
ALABAMA

Recd Nov 3. 1868 Ref.

NARA 583

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State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala., Octobex 31st 1868.

Gen. Jno C. Kendrick
Sub. Asst. Commissioner
Montgomery. Ala.

Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith the discharges of the following named men, late of the 137th U.S.C. Troops. together with letters from the Second Auditor, reporting adversely to their claims. viz:-

Jesse Fitzpatrick late Sergeant Co I.
York Johnston " Private " D.
Arthur Smith " " " "
Dickson Woods " " " "
Andrew Woods " Corporal " "
Aaron Woods " Private " "
Joseph Seals " " " I.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very Respectfully.
Your obedient Servant
Edwin Beecher.
Bvt. Lieut. Col. U.S.V. Asst. Comm.

NARA 530

Prattville Ala
Nov. 24th 1868

Comm. N. R.

Acknowledges receipt of fifteen dollars and encloses vouchers for same

NARA 591

Prattville Ala Nov 24 1868

Jno. C. Hendrix

Sir

I am happy to inform you that your
Note Bearing date of Nov 17th 1868
Came safe to hand & found Enclosed
the Sum of fifteen $15.00
And I am under many Obligations to
you for the Same

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
your Obt Sert

W. R. Brown

You will also find Enclosed
two Vouchers Signed for the Same

W. R. Brown

NARA 592

Washington D.C.
November 2, 1868

Whitelaw Reid Esq.
Chief. J. D.C.

States that property account for Oct. has been received examined and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination and settlement

Recd Nov 26th 1868.

NARA 593

[Form 3.]

WAR DEPARTMENT,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Washington, Nov. 21st, 1868.

Sir:

Your **PROPERTY** *Account "Stores pertaining to the Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands" for the month of October, 1868, has been received, examined, and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination and settlement.*

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

H. Whittlesey

Chief Quartermaster, Bureau R., F., & A.L.

To S. C. Hendrix

Sub. Asst. Comr

Montgomery, Ala

Q.M.G. Quarter Master General's Office
Clothing & Equipage
Washington, D.C. Nov. 18. 1868

Lieut. Col. Perry, Asst. Adj. Gen
Philadelphia Pa.

Sir,

Have the honor to return your
letter of the 16th inst. and
to state that the Clothing has been received
and an amount, equal since
to the reported Quotas
for replacement

Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
M. C. Meigs
Q.M.G.

☞ Officers answering communications from the Quartermaster General's Office, will give the dates of the letters to which they are replying.

They will also address letters on official business with the office, to the QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

NARA 595

U. S. A. Vols.

Quartermaster General's Office,

Clothing and Equipage,

Washington City, D. C.,

Nov. 18th, 1848.

Sir.

Your Return of Clothing ~~and Camp and Garrison Equipage~~ rendered as Sub Asst Comy. Bureau R. F. and A. L. for the month of August 1848.

has been received and examined at this Office, and sent to the Second Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

Very Respectfully Your Obt. Servt.
By order of the Quar. Mas. Genl.
Maj. L. Terry
Bvt. Brig. General
& Quar. Mas. U. S. Army.

J. C. Hendrix
Sub Asst. Comy. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery, Alabama.

NARA 336

State of Alabama
B.R.F. & A.L.
Montgomery. Ala Nov. 16, 1868

W. C. Arthur
Chief. Clerk.

States that Monthly Return of Stores pertaining to Bureau & C.C. & G. C has been received, examined and forwarded to Maj Gen O.O. Howard Commr

Letters Received
at
Sub Dist. of Montgomery
Ala. 1868.

NARA 397

State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER.

Montgomery, Ala. Nov. 16th 1868.

Sir: Your Monthly accounts of "Stores Pertaining to Bureau," & C. C. & G. E., for the month of Oct. 1868, have been received, examined and forwarded to Major General O. O. Howard, Commissioner, Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands, at Washington D. C.

By order of Bv't ~~Brig. General~~ O. D. SHEPHERD, Asst. Commissioner,

H. E. Colton

Chief Quartermaster, Bureau R., F. & A. L., State of Alabama.

To Maj. E. Ewing
Sub. Asst. Com'r
Montgomery
Ala

Remarks.

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Abstracts not required in duplicate

NARA 598

Sub District of Montgomery
B. R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery. Ala Nov. 2nd/68

Jno. C. Kendrix
Sub Asst. Commr

Forwarded October
in form of a draft requesting
acknowledgement.

November

Reed Bk Nov 9. 1868 Draft sent

NARA 599

Sub-District of Montgomery,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

Montgomery, Ala., November 25 1868.

W. H. Hunter Esq
Agent Sub D. B. R. F. & A. L.
Hayneville Ala

Sir,

I forward by today mail gain check for the amount of Feb the 15th. In the form of a draft O Shaw entitled to credit.

Yours Sir

Very Respectfully
Your Ob't Servant
J. C. Hunt
Asst. Com'r & Commissioner

Office Agent Freedmen B.R.F. & A.L.
Hayneville Ala
Oct 24th 1868

J. C. Hendrix Sub A.C.

I have this day received the above named check. Resp W. H. Hunter Agent B.R.F.&A.L.

NARA 606

State of Alabama
B.R.F. & A. L.
Office Supt. of Education
Montgomery. Ala Dec 16/68

Bush. Henry M.
for Supt of Education

Requests a special Report
respecting schools in this
Sub District

Rec'd Dec 18th 1868.

NARA 681

STATE OF ALABAMA,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Office Superintendent of Education.

Montgomery, Ala., January 16 1865

John C. Vandiver Esq
Sub Asst Commissioner
Montgomery Ala

Sir,

You will please forward to this Office at your earliest convenience a special report giving name of Teacher, by whom employed and the Schools and number of the building in which School is being taught with each per month. Of each school reported

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Henry M. Bush
Supt Education

NARA 602

State of Alabama
Office D.K.F.& C. Chief Q.M.
Montgomery. Dec. 15/68

Bush. Henry M.
Chief Q.M.

States that Monthly Return of Stores pertaining to Bureau of Ref. & F.C. has been received examined and forwarded to Maj Gen O.O. Howard, Commr

Received Dec 16th 1868

NARA 603

State of Alabama,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec 13th *1868.*

Sir: Your Monthly accounts of "Stores Pertaining to Bureau," & C. C. & G. E., for the month of

November *1868, have been received, examined and forwarded to Major General O. O.*

Howard, Commissioner, Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands, at Washington D. C.

Lt. Col. Edwin Bucher

By order of Bv't Brig. General O. L. SHEPHERD, Asst. Commissioner,

Henry M Bush

Chief Quartermaster, Bureau R., F. & A. L., State of Alabama.

To John C. Hendrix
Sub. asst. Comm'r

Remarks. H.

NARA 604

Sub Dist of Montgomery
B. R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery Ala Dec 12/65

Jno C. Kendrix
Sub Asst. Commr

Transmits check No. 1786
amount of $122.92 salary
for November 1.65 and
$1.50 postage account left
in office

, December -

NARA 685

Sub-District of Montgomery,

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

Montgomery, Ala., Decemb 1st 1868

W. H. Hunter Esq
Late Agent Bu R F & A L
Haywood County Tenn

Sir:

Herewith forward herewith Check No 1784- to amount of $1292.92- as your pay for the month of November 1868, and also enclosed please find the sum of One Dollar & 50/- a Protege Account left in my office sometime since.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
J. L. Kendrick
Sub Asst Commissioner

Read the written name amount all in my favor

O W Hunter, Late Agent

NARA 686

Montgomery

Special + General Orders
and Circular Letters
Received.

Jul. 1865 - May 1868

ENTRY 163

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NARA 607

Roll 25

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SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
Montgomery (Subassistant Commissioner)

Special and General Orders and Circular Letters Received
July 1865–May 1868

NARA 608

H. L. P. O. M.

Montgomery Ala
July 16th 1865

Respectfully forwarded
Col Comdg

Special Order No 53.
Returning enlisted men
of the 12th Ills from
duty with the Bureau

1865

NARA 609

Headquarters Post of Montgomery,

Montgomery, Ala., July 16th 1865.

SPECIAL ORDERS, } EXTRACT.
No. 53 }

II The hereinafter named enlisted men are hereby relieved from further detached service ~~~~~ and will report at once to the Commanding Officers of their respective companies for duty:

Private William Nooks Co "D" 124th Ill. Inf. Vols
" William Cloud Co. "B" 124th Ill. Inf. Vols

By order of Col. Charles Turner,

O. F. Henry

Captain and Post Adjutant.

To C W Buckley
Asst Supt of Freedmen

NARA 618

H. Q. 16th A. C.

Montgomery Ala
July 21st 1865.

Smith A. J.
Maj. Gen Comdg

Special Order No 98
Detailing Exhibition
sion of the 124th Ill
for duty with the Bureau

NARA 611

Head Quarters 16th Army Corps,

Montgomery Ala. June 20. 1865.

SPECIAL ORDERS,
No. 90. [EXTRACT.]

IX. The following named Enlisted men are detailed for Special duty in the "Freedmens Bureau." and will report with a view to assignment to C. H. Buckley Sgt. Maj. 16th A.C. for duty.

Private Daniel J. Sinclair. Co. "I" 124th Ills Vols.
" Thomas Higgins " " " " "
" Allen H. Jones. " " " " "
" Joseph Tannacliff " " " " "

By command of **MAJOR GENERAL A. J. SMITH.**

"James B. Comstock
Assistant Adjutant General.

C. H. Buckley
Sgt. Maj. 16th A.C.
Supt. Bureau "Freedmen"

NARA 612

A. A. C. S. A. G. B. R. F. & S.

Montgomery Ala
August 4 1865

Swayne Nager
Brig Genl &c

Genl Order No. 6.

Assigned to duty
of Maj B. W. Norris
Pay master U.S.V.

NARA 613

Office of Assistant Commissioner,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen &
Abandoned Lands.

Montgomery, Alabama,
August 4, 1865

General Order
No. 6.

Major B. H. Norris Paymaster
U. S. Army having reported by order of the Com-
missioner of this Bureau, is assigned to special
duty at these Headquarters.

By order of
Brig. Gen. Wager Swayne
Asst. Commissioner.

Chas. A. Miller,
Maj. A.A.G.

NARA 614

O.A.C. S.O.A.B.R.F.W.S.

Montgomery Ala

August 7th 1865

Lt Wayne. Wagon

Brig Gen &c

Special Order No 8

Requiring a report on the 1st 10th and 20th of each month of rations issued at the office of the Asst Superintendents

NARA 615

Office of Assistant Commissioner
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and
Abandoned Lands.

Montgomery, Alabama,
August 9, 1865.

General Orders
No. 8.

Assistant Superintendents will send to this office on the 1st, 10th, and 20th days of each month a report of rations issued.

This report will show the number of detached soldiers, citizen employees, persons in colony and those relieved outside to whom rations have been issued during the previous ten days, distinguishing between whites and colored - adults and children.

By order of Brig Gen. Wager Swayne
Asst. Commissioner.

Charles A. Miller,
Maj. A.A.A.G.

NARA 616

A. C. S. A. A. B. R. F. & A. E.

Montgomery Ala

August 21st 1865

Swayne Wagner

Brig Genl &c

Special Order No 2.

Assignment to duty

of Asst Surgeon

R. H. Bondray,

NARA 617

Office Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Refugees,
Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

Montgomery, Ala., Aug 21 1865.

Special Order
No. 2

Ex. 11 x x

Asst. Surgeon R. H. Beaudry U.S.A. having reported agreeably to Special orders No. 25, Ex 2. Headquarters Dist. of Alabama is assigned to duty with this Bureau and will report at once to C.W. Buckley Asst Supt Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands. By order

Byer Brig. Gen. Wm Swayne

Lar. A. Miller,
Major.

C.W. Buckley
Asst Supt
Dec, 02

NARA 618

Montgomery Ala
Augst 24th 1865.

Wayne Hayes
Brig Genl U.S.A.
Commissions-State of Ala

Special Order-No 11.

Assignment to duty
of Lt. Schultz
A. D. C. U.S.A.

NARA 613

Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

Montgomery, Ala, Aug. 24th 1865.

General Orders
No. 10

Major J. Schatz Actg. Staff Surgeon U. S. A having reported in compliance with orders from Medical Director Dept. of Alabama is hereby assigned to duty with this Office, as Chief Medical Officer for the District of Montgomery.

By order
Brig. Gen. Wager Swayne
(Sd) Charles A. Miller
Maj. & A. A. A. Gen.

Official
A. A. Gen.

NARA 626

Special Order No. 3.

Bureau of Ref. & Int. A. L.
C. Cadle Jr.
A. A. G.
Aug. 30. 1865

Appointing Geo. N. Hammond
to duty as Special Agent
Bureau of R. & F. A. L.

NARA 621

Office Assistant Commissioner
Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and
Abandoned Lands.
Montgomery, Ala. August 31st 1865

Special Orders
No. 3

III. Geo. A. Harmon is hereby assigned to duty as special Agent of this Bureau for the issue of subsistence to destitute persons in this city,

He will make the necessary returns for the issue of subsistences

By order of
Brig. Gen'l Wagner
Swayne
A. A. Gen'l

Geo. A. Harmon

NARA 622

A.A.A.G.S. A.A.B.R.F.&A.S.

Montgomery Ala

Sept 6th 1865

Swayne Wagon

Brig Genl &c

Special Order No 8

Ordering Lieut C.O.

Sturgeon 14th Mich Inf

to Mobile Ala

NARA 623

Office Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Refugees,
Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Montgomery Ala., Sept 6th 1865.

Special Orders
No. 8

Lieut. Cyrus O. Sturgeon "I" Co. 14th Wis. Vols. will proceed to Mobile Ala. on business connected with this Bureau. He will return as soon as practicable.

Q. M. Dept. will furnish transportation.

By order of Brig. Gen'l. Thos. Swan

A. A. Gen'l.

Chaplain C. H. Buckley
Asst. Supt. Freedmen &c.

NHRH 624

Hd Qrs. S.C.A. B.K.L. & A.S.
Montgomery Ala
Sept 6th 1865

Swayne Wagon
Brt Maj. Genl &c

Special Order No 8.
With reference to
the reports called for
in Circular No 10 from
Maj. Gen A.A. Howard

NHKH 623

Office Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Refugees,
Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Montgomery Ala., Sept 6th 1865.

Special Order
No 8

II

The Asst Supts of this Bureau will at once forward to this office the reports called for in Circular No 10 from Maj. Gen. Howard.

Particular attention will be taken to make their reports full and complete.

By order of
Brig. Gen. M. Swayne
A. A. G.

Chaplain C. H. Buckley
Asst Supt
Montgomery
Ala

NHHM 626

A. A. C. S. C. A. B. R. F. & S.

Montgomery Ala

Sept 8th 1865.

Surgeon Hayes

Boat Key Grade

Special Order No 10

Requiring all

Medical officers on

duty with the Bureau

to report to Surgeon

Chas J. Kipp Chief

Name, Rank & Station

NARA 627

Office Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Refugees,
Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Montgomery Ala., Sept 8th 1865.

Special Order
No 10

Medical Officers on duty in connection with Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, District of Alabama will without delay report to Surgeon Charles A. Kipp U.S.V. Surgeon in chief their Names, Rank and Station, also by whose orders assigned or with whom contracted and date of assignment or date of contract and compensation allowed.

By order of
Brig Gen'l [illegible]

A. A. G.

Chaplain C. W. Buckley
Asst Supt
Montgomery
Ala.

NHRM 628

O. A. C. S. O. A. B. K. F. & A. M.

Headquarters
Sept. 8th 1868

Swayne & Hagen
Bankers & Brokers

Special Order No 18.

Assignment to duty
of Asst Surgeon
U.S.A. as Surgeon in
Chief of the Bureau

NARA 629

Office Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Refugees,
Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Montgomery Ala., Sept 8th 1865.

General Order
No. 13

Surg. Charles. L. Kipp U.S. Vols having
in accordance with orders from the Commissioner
of this Bureau, reported at this office is an-
nounced as Surg: in Chief and will be obeyed
and respected accordingly.

By order of
Brig Gen. W. Wagner
A. A. G.

Chaplain C. W Buckley
Asst Supt
Montgomery
Ala

NARA 634

C. A. C. S. C. A. B. R. F. & L.

Montgomery Ala
Sept 12th 1865.

Sawyer Wagner
Brig Gen &c

Special Order No 14
Ordering Sept C. S.
Paroles to Mobile Ala

NARA 631

Office Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Refugees,
Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Montgomery Ala., Sept 22 1865.

Special Order
No 14

Lt C. S. Lamis 68th Ills Vols will proceed to Mobile, Ala, on business connected with this office. He will return as soon as practicable.

By order of
Brig. Gen W. McCrakyne.
A. A. G.

Chaplain C. W. Buckly
Asst Supt
Montgomery
Ala

NARA 632

A. A. G. A. B. R. F. & A. L.

Montgomery Ala

Oct 1st 1865.

Swayne Wager

Brvt Maj Genl

Special Order No 25

Assigning to duty

Capt C. W Buckley

4th U S C T. as Inspector of the Bureau and

Superintendent of Schools

NARA 633

Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

Montgomery, Ala, Oct 14th 1865

Special Orders
No. 25

III. Chaplain C. H. Buckley 47th U. S. C. T.
is hereby assigned to duty as Inspector of this Bureau
and Superintendent of Schools for the State of Alabama,

IIII. Jno. A. Harmount Special Agent Bureau of
Refugees &c. is hereby assigned to duty as Asst. Supt.
of the County of Montgomery.

By order of
Brig. Gen. Wager Swayne

A. A. Gen.

Jno. A. Harmount
Asst. Supt. Freedmen &c.

NARA 634

A. A. C. G. S. A. A. B. R. F. & S.

Montgomery Ala

Oct 14th 1865

Sawyer Wager

Brig Genl &c

Special Order No 25

Assigning to duty

Lt. A. Hammond

Special Agent as

Asst Supt of Montgy

County.

NARA 633

Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

Montgomery, Ala, Oct 14th 1865

Special Orders
No. 25

Jno. A. Harmount Special Agent
Bureau Refugees &c, is hereby assigned to duty as
Asst. Supt. of the County of Montgomery.

By order of
Brig. Gen. Wayne Sprague
A. A. Gen.

Jno. A. Harmount

NARA 636

C. A. C. S. O. A. B. R. F. & A. L.

Mount Jackson Miss
Nov 11th 1865

Swayne Wagner
Brig Gen

Special Order No 38.
Returning Enlisted
men of the 12th Iowa
and 34th Ill Infty

NARA 637

Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

Montgomery, Ala, Nov 21st 1865

Special Orders
No. 35

The following named enlisted men are hereby relieved from duty in this Bureau and will forthwith report to the Comdg. Officers of their Regt.

Q. M. Dept will furnish transportation.

Privt.	Jno. R. Grimes	"K"	Co.	12th	Iowa Vols.
"	Joseph Dubois	"K"	"	34th	Ill. "
"	William P. Rhoads	"D"	"	"	"
"	John Hill	"G"	"	"	"

By order of
Lt. Maj. Gen. Wagner Swayne
A. A. Gen.

Geo. A. Harmount
Asst. Supt. Freedmen.

NARA 638

O. A. G. S. O. A. B. R. F. & A. L.

Montgomery Ala
Nov 4th 1865.

Saml. Wagner
Brvt Maj Genl &c

Special Order No. 86.

Detailing Private
J. C. Hendrix 8 Iowa
Infty for special duty
in the Bureau

NARA 639

Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

Montgomery, Ala, Nov 14th 1865

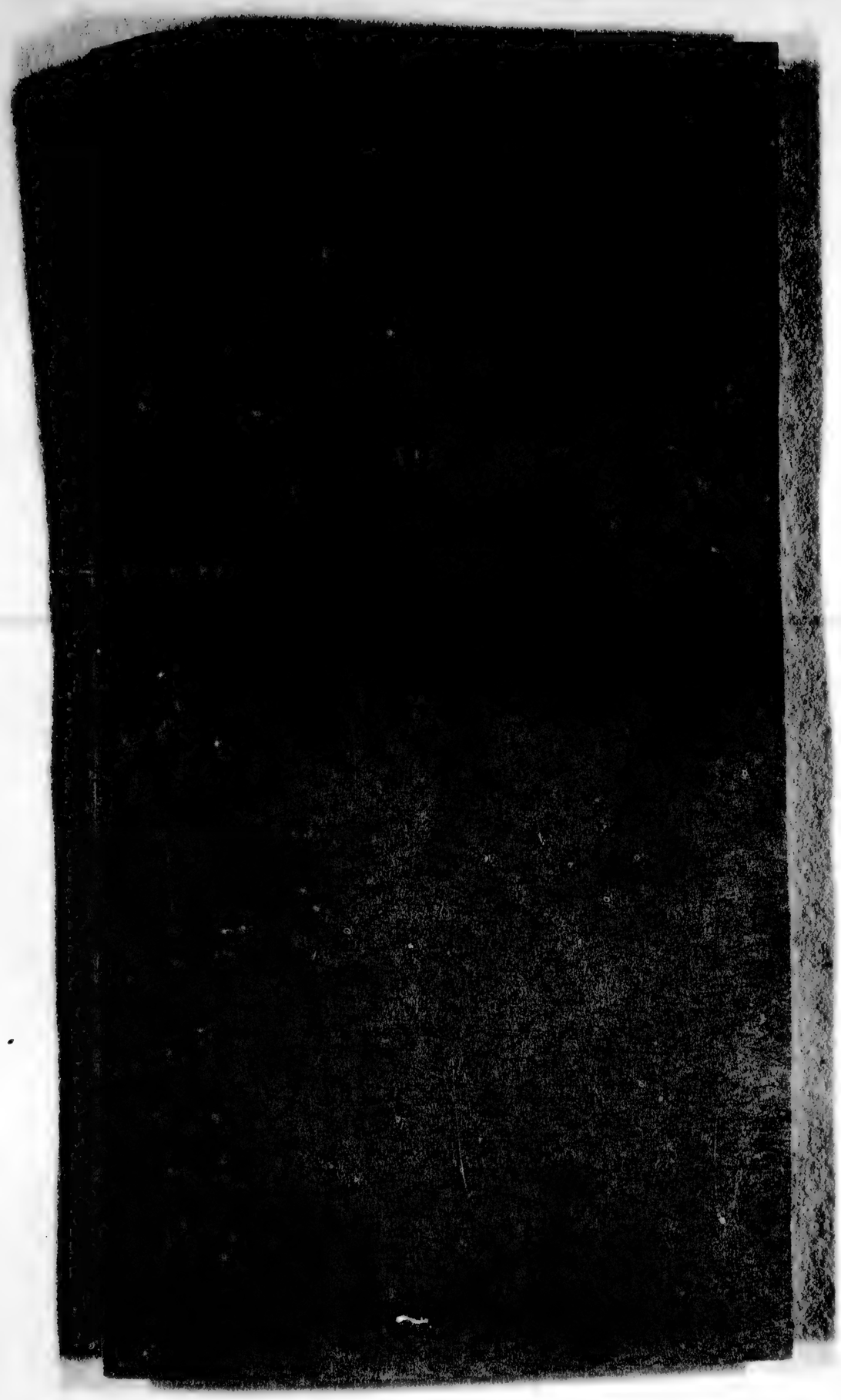
Special Orders
No 36

L. C. Hudnicks Co F 8th Iowa Vols is hereby relieved from duty in the Freedmens Hospital and will report to G. N. Sharmount Asst Supt Freedmen for Montgomery for duty.

By order of
Brvt Maj Gen Wager Swayne
A. A. G.

G. N. Sharmount
Asst Supt Freedmen &c
Montgomery Ala

NARA 640



NARA 641

H. Q. D. O. M.

Montgomery Ala
Nov 21st 1865.

Sworn Wages,
Bvt. Maj. Genl. U.S.A.
Commissions. State of
Alabama

Special Order-No 76

Detail of Men from the
5th Ala Infty

NARA 642

Head Quarters
District of Montgomery
Montgomery Ala. Nov 20. 1865

Special Orders
No 76 } Extract.

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II The hereinafter named enlisted men are detailed for Special duty with the Freedmen's Bureau, and will report to Colonel C. Cadle for duty.

Corporal W. C. Morris Co. "L" 58th Illinois Volunteer Infantry.
Private Wm P. Copeland " " " " " "
" Walter Scott " " " " " "
" James B. Brown " " " " " "

By command of
Maj Gen Henry E. Davies Jr
(Sd) Wm A. Hobbe
Capt & Aid. de. Camp.

Official
(Sd) William A. Hobbe.
A. D. C.

Official
Geo A. Harmount
Asst Supt B. R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery Ala

A. A. G.

NARA 643

A. A. C. S. C. H. B. R. F. & L.

Montgomery Ala

January 2nd 1866

Swayne Wagon-

Brig Genl &c

Special Orders No 2.

Assignment to duty

of R. H. Brown as

Agent of the Bureau

1866

NARA 644

Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

Montgomery, Ala, Jany. 2d 1866

Special Orders
No. 2

Mr. R. H. Brewer is hereby appointed Agent of this Bureau at Mt. Meigs, Montgomery County. He will report to Geo. A. Harmount Asst. Supt. at Montgomery.

By order of
Bvt. Maj. Gen. Wager Swayne

A. A. General

Geo. A. Harmount
Asst. Supt. Montgomery

NARA 645

Q. A. C. S. A. C. A. F. W. H. E.

Montgomery Ala

January 4th 1864

Saam, Hagen!

E. H. Maj Gen

Special Order No. 3.

Ascending Watter, A

Ball Sick Home

Colony

NARA 646

Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

Montgomery, Ala, January 4th 1866

Special Orders
No. 3

III. Walter A. Bull is hereby appointed Supt. of Home Colony, relieving Lieut. Elliott. He will report to Geo. A. Harmount Asst. Supt. Freedmen &c.

By order of Brvt. Maj. Gen. Wagner Swayne

A. A. General

Geo. A Harmount
Asst. Supt. Freedmen

NARA 647

Q.A. C.S.C.A.B.R.F.+A.L.
Montgomery Ala
January 11th 1866

Lieut Wagner
Asst Maj Gen'l

Special Order No. 8.
With reference to
the property of
R. H. Brand

NNRN 648

Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

Montgomery, Ala January 11th 1866.

Special Orders
No 8

The property of R. A. Brevard, now in charge of this Bureau, consisting of a plantation situated on the Haynesville road, ten miles from Montgomery, Ala, will be delivered to him by G. A. Harmount, Asst Supt R. F. & A. L. on the presentation of this order. R. A. Brevard having received a Warrant of Amnesty from the President. The ownership of the stock and provisions on the place will be adjusted by G. A. Harmount, Asst Supt.

By order of
Brvt Maj Gen Wager Swayne

G. A. Harmount
Asst Supt R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery Ala

A. A. G.

NNKM 649

Montgomery Ala"

Jan 14th/66

Gen. W. Swayn.

G. O. 1.
order informing Bv. Lt. Col. Harmant of the assignment
Corps- L. M. Wilkinson.

NNRH 634

Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

Montgomery, Ala. January 14th 1866.

General Orders
No - 1 -

Captain M.C. Hutchinson
Veteran Reserve Corps. having re-
ceived orders from the War
Dept. reported at this office is hereby
assigned to duty as Act. Asst. Adjt.
General in the Bureau Refugees.
Freedmen & Abandoned Lands. for the
State of Alabama.

By order of
Bt. Maj. Genl. H. Swayne.

A.A. Genl.

G. A. Harmount
Asst Surgeon
Montgomery
Ala

NARA 631

Orig Copy Wagon Sway

Order for all bills
for Printing & paper
&c. for Senate & his office

NNRN 632

You will also send to this Office all bills for printing expenses which have been incurred under your directions - with copies of the blanks, circulars &c printed: and a statement of the reasons for making the expenditures -

By Command of
Brig'd Gen'l Hagner Swayne
Asst Commissioner

A. A. G., S. O., A. B. R. F. & A. S.

Montgomery Ala

January 14th 1864,

Swayne's Wagon

Brvt May Genl

Special Order No II

Assigning to duty,

First Lieut Geo. F. Browning

as A. D. C.

NARA 634

Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

Montgomery, Ala. Jany. 14 1866.

General orders
No - 1 - (Extract)

2 - First Lieut. Geo. F. Browning 6th Pas. Arty having reported in accordance with orders from the War Dept. Bureau Refugees. Freedmen & Abandoned Lands, reported at this office is hereby assigned to duty as Aid-de-Camp to the Asst. Comr.

By order of
Bt. Major Gen. Hoyt Sprague

Lt. Col. G. A. Harment
Asst. Supt. &c.
Montgomery
Ala.

W. O. Wilkinson
Capt. & A.A.G.

NARA 655

Q.A.G.S.C.&R.F.&H.L.

Montgomery Ala

January 31st 1864

Swayne Wager—

Brt Maj Inv &c

Special Order No 20

Appointing James

Armstrong as

Agent of the Bureau

NARA 656

Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

Montgomery, Ala., January 30th 1866.

Special Orders,
No. 20

III. Jas. Armstrong Esq. Montgomery Co. Ala. is hereby appointed Agent of this Bureau and will report to J. A. Harmount Asst. Supt. at Montgomery.

By Order of Brevet Major General WAGER SWAYNE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

J. A. Harmount
Asst. Supt. &c

NARA 657

A. A. G. S. C. A. B. R. F. & A. L.

Montgomery Ala
March 12th 1866

Swayne. Wager
Bvt Maj Genl &c

Special Order No 78.

Relieving Private
Wm Conner 58th Ills
from duty with the
Bureau

NARA 658

Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

Montgomery, Ala., March 12th 1866

Special Orders
No. 45

Privt. Wm S. Conover "H." Co. 58th Ills. Vols. is hereby relieved from duty in this Bureau and will forthwith report to the Commanding Officer of his Regt.

By order of Bvt. Maj. Gen. Roger Sawyer
A. A. General

Geo. A. Hammond
Asst. Supt. R. F. & A. L.

NARA 659

S. O. 112.

Washington March 13. 1866.

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NARA 668

SPECIAL ORDERS, No. 112.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, March 13th, 1866.

(*Extract.*)

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5. The following officers will report *by letter*, without delay, to Major-General *Howard*, Commissioner of Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, Washington, D. C., for assignment to duty in said Bureau, to replace officers therein serving, whose services may be needed with their proper regiments and companies, or whose commands may have been mustered out of service:—

Captain Roderick Theurne, Brevet Major, 16th Regiment Veteran Reserve Corps.

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By order of the Secretary of War:

E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

E D Townsend
Assistant Adjutant General.

Bvt Major Roderick Theurne
Asst. General Howard.

NARA 661

O.A.C. S. O.A.

Barracks K. I. & A. S.

Montgomery Ala Mar 13th 18[illegible]

Summons Vacates

by 1st Lieut. and

Commissioned Staff of Ala

Special Orders No 76.

Returning detachment men

of the 58th Ills Infty

NARA 662

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Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

Montgomery, Ala., March 13th 1866.

Special Orders,
No. 46

III.

The following named enlisted men of the 68th Ills. Vols. are hereby relieved from duty in this Bureau and will forthwith report to the Commanding Officer of their Regt.

Sergt. P. H. Lunt "G" Co.
Pvt. Wilson Jackson "G" Co.

By Order of Brevet Major General WAGNER SWAYNE,

Assistant Adjutant Geueral.

Geo. A. Harmount
Asst. Supt. R.F. & A.L.

NARA 663

U.A.C.S.A.A.A.B.R.P.A.C.S.

Montgomery Ala
March 15th 1866

Brig Gen Wager Swayne
Brvt Maj Gen

Special Order No 48
Appointing Mr
C. C. Dickinson
Agent of the Bureau

NARA 664

Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

Montgomery, Ala., March 15th 1866.

Special Orders,
No. 48

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III Mr C. C. Dickinson is hereby authorized to act as Agent of this Bureau for the approval of contracts in Beats No 7. 8 and 9 in Macon Co. Ala.

He will report to G. A. Harmount, Asst Supt R. F. & A. L. Montgomery. Ala

By Order of Brevet Major General WAGER SWAYNE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

G. A. Harmount
Asst Supt R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery. Ala

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A. A. C. S. A. A. B. R. F. & A. S.

Montgomery Ala
March 15th 1866.

Surgn E Wager
Bvt Maj Gen &c

Special Order of S.
Appointing Alex
C. C Dickinson as
Agent of the Bureau

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Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

Montgomery, Ala., March 15th 1866.

Special Orders,
No. 48

IIII. Mr. C. C. Dickinson is hereby authorized to act as Agent of this Bureau for the approval of contracts in Beats Nos 7-8. and 9 in Autauga County Ala,

He will report to G. A. Harmount Asst. Supt. R. F. & A. L. at Montgomery Ala.

By Order of Brevet Major General WAGER SWAYNE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Geo. A. Harmount
Asst. Supt. R. F. & A. L.

NARA 667

C. A. G. S. A. B. R. F. H.S.
Montgomery Ala
March 17th 1864

Dwayne Wages
Brt Maj Genl

Special Order No 57.
Appointment of
W. D. Robins as Esq
Agent of the Bureau

NARA 668

Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

Montgomery, Ala., March 19th 1866.

Special Orders,
No. 57

W. S. Robinson Esq. Justice of the Peace Benton Beat (No. 8) is hereby appointed an Agent of this Bureau for the approval of contracts

He will report to G. A. Harmount Asst. Supt. Montgomery Ala,

By Order of Brevet Major General WAGER SWAYNE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

G. A. Harmount
Asst. Supt. R. F. & A. L.

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Washington March 22. 1866

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WAR DEPARTMENT,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

Washington, D. C., March 22" 1866.

Special Orders,
No. 110

"Extract"

Recd Mar 26 1866
Capt R Rheune A.D.C.
Philadelphia Pa.

1. The following named officers having reported in compliance with Par. ---, Special Orders No. 112, Current Series, A. G. O., are hereby ordered to duty in this Bureau, and will proceed at once to their respective stations, as are set opposite their names, reporting on their arrival to the Assistant Commissioner for assignment.:

Capt. R. Rheune A.D.C. to Montgomery Ala.

By order of
Major General O. O. Howard. Commissioner.

O. O. Howard
Act. Asst. Adj't. General.

Capt. R Rheune A.D.C.
Philadelphia Pa.

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B. A. C. S. C. A. B. R. R. D. C.

Montgomery Ala

March 30th 1864

Swayne Wager

Brvt Maj Genl

Special Order No 84.

Returning enlisted men

of the 5-8th Ala Cavalry

NARA 672

Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

Montgomery, Ala., March 30th 1866.

Special Order.
No. 54

The following named enlisted men of the 38th Ills. Vol. Infty. are hereby relieved from duty in this Bureau and will forthwith report to the Commanding Officer of their Regt.

Privt.	J. P. Brown	"A" Co.
"	Lewis H. Lee	"C" Co.
"	Joseph Bice	"D" Co.
"	Wallace S. Morris	"I" Co.
"	William P. Copeland	"I" Co.

By Order of Brevet Major General WAGER SWAYNE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Geo. A. Harmount
Asst. Supt. R.F. & A.L.

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Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,
BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

Montgomery, Ala., April 2nd 1866.

Special Orders,
No. 55

P. H. Cook Esq. Justice of the Peace Lowndes Co. Ala. is hereby appointed an Agent of the Bureau for the approval of contracts, All contracts approved heretofore by him shall be in accordance with the regulations of the Bureau will be recognized.

He will report to Geo. A. Harmon Asst. Supt. R. F. & A. L. Montgomery Ala.

By Order of BREVET MAJOR GENERAL WAGER SWAYNE,

Assistant Adjutant General.

P. H. Cook Esq.
Justice of the Peace

NARA 673

A. A. C. S. Ast. Brig. Gen.
Montgomery Ala
April 5th 1864
Swayne & Hagers
Brot May Genl &c

Special Order No 57.
With regard to the
issue of Clothing to
destitute Freedmen

NARA 676

Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

Montgomery, Ala., April 4th 1866.

Special Orders,
No. 57

Lieut. Geo. F. Browning A. A. A. G. B. R. F. and A. L.
will issue to G. A. Harmount Asst. Supt. B. R. F. and A. L. for issue
to destitute Freedmen the following articles of clothing.

Twenty (20) pairs pants (Irregular)
Twenty (20) jackets

By Order of Brevet Major General WAGER SWAYNE.

Assistant Adjutant General.

Geo. A. Harmount
Asst. Supt. B. F. & A. L.

NARA 677

A. A. C. S. A. A. B. R. F. & A. L.

Montgomery Ala

April 23rd 1866.

Surgn. Magee

Commissioner &c

Special Order 6 &c

Transferring Captured

Hospital Property from

H. E. Williams A. A. Surgn

of a to Gen. A. Harrison

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OFFICE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, STATE OF ALABAMA.
BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

Montgomery, Ala., April 23, 1866.

SPECIAL ORDERS, No. 69. [EXTRACT.]

3. Acting Asst. Surgeon *H. E. Williams*, U. S. A., will transfer to *Geo. A. Harmount*, Asst. Supt. B. of R., F. & A. L., Montgomery Ala., all the captured Hospital property transferred to him by Surg. *H. Cooper*, Surgeon 178th New York Volunteers, except two office desks and one table. Col. *Harmount* will receipt to A. A. Surg. *Williams*, for the property thus turned over.

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BY ORDER OF BVT. MAJ. GEN. WAGER SWAYNE.

C. CADLE, JR.
Ass't Adj't Gen'l.

OFFICIAL.

C. D. Kinman

Assistant Adjutant General.

G. A. Harmont.
Supt. B. R. F. & A. L.
Montgomery Ala

NARA 673

C. A. C. S. C. A. B. R. F. & A. S.
Montgomery Ala
July 26th 1864

Swayne Wayer
Brvt Maj Genl R

Gen Ordr No I
Assigning to duty
Maj Chas H Miller
As't A. A. Gen

NARA 680

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and
Abandoned Lands.
Montgomery Alabama
July 26th 1865

Genl Order
No. 1

By direction of Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard
Commissioner of this Bureau. I assume Command
as Assistant Commissioner for the State of
Alabama — Headquarters at Montgomery —

Major Charles A. Miller 2d Maine Cavalry
is announced as Acting Assistant Adjutant
General.

Wager Swayne
Brig. Gen. U. S. Vols.

Official
Chas. A. Miller
Major A.A.A.Genl.

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A. A. G. S. O. A. B. R. R. Co's.
Montgomery Ala
July 28th 1864

Surgeon Wager
Brig Genl &c

Genl Orders No 2
Assignment to duty of
Lieut O. F. Glidden
2nd Main Insp as
A. A. D. C.

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Office of Asst Commissioner,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and
Abandoned Lands,
Montgomery, Ala,
July 28, 1865.

General Order }
No. 2 }

Brevet Lieut. O. F. Glidden
Co. "E" 2d Regt. Mass Cavalry is hereby an=
=nounced as Aid de camp upon the
staff of the General Commanding. He will be
obeyed & respected accordingly.

By order of
Bvt Gen. Wager Swayne.

Charles A. Mullen,
Major, A.A.A.G.

NARA 683

O.A.G. S.O.G.R.B.F.&L.
Montgomery Ala
August 2nd 1865

Swayne, Wager
Asst Commissr

Genl Order No 5
Assignment to duty
of Capt A.E. Brown
5th U.S.C.T. as Asst Supt
B.R.F.&L.

NARA 684

Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

Montgomery, Ala, Aug. 25 1865.

General Orders
No. 5

Captain Alonzo L. Brown 50th N. S. M. I. is hereby assigned to duty as Assistant Superintendent, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, with Head Quarters at Greenville in the County of Butler.

Capt. Brown will proceed forthwith to Greenville and enter upon the discharges of his duties.

By order of
Brig. Gen. Wager Swayne
Charles A. Miller
Maj. & A. A. A. Gen'l

Official
A. A. Gen'l.

NARA 685

Q.A. G. S.C.A.B.R.F. & A.L.

Montgomery Ala

Nov 11th 1865.

Swayne Wages &c

Brig Genl

Special Order No 34

Returning detailed

men of the 34 New

Jersey Infty.

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Office Assistant Commissioner, State of Alabama,
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

Montgomery, Ala, Oct. 10th 1865

Special Orders
No. 34

The following named enlisted men of the 34th New Jersey Vols. are hereby relieved from duty in this Bureau and will forthwith report to the Comdg. Officer of their Regt.

Q. M. Dept. will furnish transportation.

Corpl.	Peter Karge	"A" Co.
Privt.	Chas. H. Taylor	"H." "
"	Joseph Van Marter	"B." "
"	Franklin Hewitt	"H." "

By order of
Bvt. Maj. Gen. Wagner Swayne

A. A. Gen.

Geo. A. Harmount
Asst. Supt. Freedmen

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Head Quarters Post of Montgomery

Montgomery Ala. January 30/67

Special Order
No 10

Directing 1st Lieut G. H. Bromberg to purchase the Articles Enumerated within for the use of the Post

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Hd. Qrs. Post of Montgomery
Montgomery. Ala Jany 30th 65.

Special Orders }
No. 10 }

1st Lieut Geo. F. Browning. Bvt. Maj USA.

is hereby directed to purchase at open market the following articles Viz:

(6) Six. Office chairs
(1) One, Andirons (pairs)
(1) One Shovel (2) Two Desks.
(1) One Tongs (prs of)
(1) One. Door lock with Knobs.
(4) Four. Window sashes with Twelve (12) lights each. Size 10"x12".
(6) Six Hand-cuffs. (prs of)

for the use of this

Post.

By Order of Bvt Maj. Meredith
(Sd) E. B. Savage
1st Lieut 33rd Infty
Post Adjutant.

Official
C. E. Savage
1st Lieut 33rd Infty
Post Adjutant

Bvt. Maj Geo. F. Browning. Post Quartermaster

NARA 683

Hd Qrs. Post of Montgomery
Montgy Ala. Febry 2nd 1864

Special Order
No 15

Directs Bvt Maj Browning
U.S.V. to purchase in open
market 100 cords of wood
for the use of this Post

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Hd. Qrs Post of Montgomery
Montgomery. Ala. Feby 2nd 1867.

Special Order
No 15

1st Lieut Geo. F. Browning. Bvt. Maj U.S.V.
is hereby directed to purchase in open market One hun-
dred (100) cords of Wood. for the use of this Post.

By Order of Bvt. Maj Meredith
(Sd) E. B Savage
1st Lieut 33rd Inftry
Post Adjutant

Official
E. B. Savage
1st Lieut 33rd Inftry
Post Adjutant

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Montgomery Ala
April 23. 1867

Special Orders } No. 5—

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HEAD-QUARTERS DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
Montgomery, Ala., April 23, 1867.

SPECIAL ORDERS,
No. 5.

5. A Board of officers is hereby appointed to meet at the Post of Montgomery, Ala., at 11, A. M. to-morrow, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the purpose of ascertaining the disposition made of a certain amount of wood for which Bv't. Maj. *G. F. Browning*, A. A. Q. M. is responsible.

DETAIL FOR THE BOARD.

Bv't. Lieut. Col. *Edwin Beecher*, U. S. V.
Capt *W. H. H. Peck*, V. R. C.
2nd Lieut *L. J. Whiting*, 45th U. S Infantry,

The Board will also examine into and report upon the condition of twelve (12) bales of hay said to be unfit for use and for which Bv't Maj. *G. F. Browning* is responsible.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WAGER SWAYNE,
J. F. CONYNGHAM,
1st Lieut. 24th U. S. Infantry,
Act. Asst. Adjt. Gen.

OFFICIAL:
J. F. Conyngham
1st Lieut. 24th U. S. Infantry,
Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

Capt W. H. H. Peck V.R.C.

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War Department
Bureau of Ref. F. & A. L.
Washington May 18th 1867.

Howard O. O.
Maj. Genl & Comm.

Circular Letter

Has information that intemperance among the freedmen is on the increase, "The Sons of Temperance" declines extending their order to freedmen.
Hopes that immediate measures be taken to organize associations under the name of The Freedmen's Temperance Society.

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(Copy) Staat Department
Bureau of Refugees Freedmen & A.L.
Washington May 15th 1867

Circular Letter

I have information from Virginia and South Carolina that intemperance among the Freedmen is on the increase. Already a movement is on foot in this City having in view a thorough organization so as to enable the Colored people to visit all the known positive Evil in question.

It is said that the "Sons of Temperance" in their Grand Divisions retain the old Regulation, and decline to Extend their Order to any Freedmen of dark skin from drunkenness, except it be done upon condition that there shall be complete and Enforced Separation.

I therefore hope that the Officers and Agents of the Bureau, and the Agents of the different benevolent associations working for the Elevation of the Colored People, will take immediate measures to organize associations of Colored people, never excluding the White, under the name of The Lincoln Temperance Society

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There is great attachment in the name from the well known character of Gen Lincoln, and from the love the Freedmen Feel Him.

Please see to it, that Officers or Agents of this Bureau, who may be intemperate men, be immediately reported to this Office.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obd't Servt.
(Signed) O. O. Howard
Maj Gen'l & Commissioner

Head Quarters District of Alabama
Montgomery Ala June 4th 65

Respectfully referred to Lt L. J. Whiting 4th U. S. V. A. A. G. & S. C. at Montgomery Ala who will confer with the leading colored Citizens in his district, and use all means in his power to organize & forward the association above referred to.

Report showing the progress made in this work will form a part of the Quarterly Report of the Sub Assistant Commissioner.

By order of
Brig-Genl Wager Swayne

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O. S. Kinman
Act Asst Commissioner

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Shepherd. O. L
Bt Brig Gen'l & A Com'y

Circular.

Forwards list of
Officers & Agents
acting as S. A. Com'rs.

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STATE OF ALABAMA,
BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,
Montgomery, Ala., May 26, 1868.

CIRCULAR,
No. 32.

The following named Officers and Agents are designated and re-announced as Sub-Assistant Commissioners for their respective Sub-Districts, in the State of Alabama, as follows:

Bv't Maj. *James Curtis*, Capt. 15th Infantry U. S. A., Sub-District of Selma: Counties of Bibb. Perry, Dallas. Wilcox.

Bv't Maj. *James Gillette*, Capt 15th Infantry U. S. A., Sub-District of Mobile: Counties of Baldwin, Mobile.

Capt. *Robert Harrison*, 32d Infantry U. S. A., Sub-District of Jacksonville: Counties of Baine, Cherokee, Calhoun, Cleburne.

Lieut. *A. S. Bennett*, 15th Infantry U. S. A., Sub-District of Claiborne: Counties of Clark. Monroe, Washington.

Lieut *E. H. Weirman*, 4th Artillery U. S. A., Sub-District of Eufaula: Counties of Bullock. Barbour, Coffee, Dale, Henry, Pike.

Lieut. *Henry Sweeney*, 15th Infantry U. S. A., Sub-District of Tuscumbia: Counties of Colbert, Franklin, Lawrence, Lauderdale, Marion.

Mr. *D. C. Rugg*, Sub-District of Huntsville: Counties of Dekalb, Jackson, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, Morgan.

Mr. *Robert Blair*, Sub-District of Tuscaloosa: Counties of Jones, Fayette, Pickens, Tuscaloosa.

Mr. *J. F. McGogy*, Sub-District of Talladega: Counties of Clay, St. Clair, Shelby, Talladega.

Mr. *C. C. Bartlett*, Sub-District of Elyton: Counties of Blount, Jefferson, Walker, Winston.

Mr. *C. W. Pierce*, Sub-District of Demopolis: Counties of Choctaw, Hale, Greene, Marengo, Sumter.

Mr. *J. C. Hendrix*, Sub-District of Montgomery: Counties of Autauga, Coosa, Elmore, Lowndes, Montgomery, Tallapoosa.

Mr. *R. T. Smith*, Sub-District of Opelika; Counties of Chambers, Lee, Macon Randolph, Russell.

Mr. *S. S. Gardner*, Sub-District of Greenville: Counties of Butler, Crenshaw, Conecuh, Covington.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order of Col. & Bv't Brig. Gen. O. L. SHEPHERD,

Asst. Commissioner.

GEO. SHORKLEY,
Capt. 15th Infantry, Bv't Maj. U. S. A.,
Act'g Asst. Adj't. Gen'l.

OFFICIAL:

Bv't. Maj. U. S. A., A. A. A. G.

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SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
Montgomery (Subassistant Commissioner)

Fair Copies of Contracts
Volume 1 (196) 1865

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Contracts Vol 1. 1865
B.F.R.F. and A.L.
Montgomery, Alabama

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The State of Alabama This agreement between
Montgomery County } Adam & Ede and Louis
& Widow of the first part and Nathan years
old Sugar years old Washington years old
old Albert years old Henry years old
Daniel years old John years old, Isaac
years old, William years old, Ellen
years old, Amanda years old, Caroline
years old, Frances years old, Harriett
years old, Eliza years old, Lot years
old, Sukey Pound old, of the second part
Witnesseth, that the party of the
first part agree to give to the party of
the second part, rations to live on, such
as Corn, Meat, Medical attendance, Rice, Clo-
thing according to Regulations issued from
the office of the Freedmens Bureau at
Montgomery Alabama and like crops
part & on their lands one all & attend in
consideration that the party of the second
part will labor on or about their plantation
in a manner according to said Regulations until
the crops can be all gathered & divided when the party
of the first part agree also to give to the
party of the second part one fourth of the
Corn, Sugar cane & Potatoe crops gathered by
the party of the second part from said plan-
tation during said year and when the
said crops are all gathered the portion of the
second part to each shall be to divide
the said one fourth part among themselves
according to Regulations and in case they cannot
agree on such division they the parties of
the second part agree to choose three disin-
terested persons to divide the residue fourth
part among them according to Regulations that is ac-
cording to ability and the manner they have
each started In witness whereof we
have hereunto set our names & seals this

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of their Parents them not able to write making their
Mark — Louis + Louis 1865.
Seager his + mark Sat'isant + his mark
Louis + mark John + " " Contract-with 117
Ellen + mark Daniel + "
Hannah + mark Sukey + "
Jessie + mark Witnesses Louis & Felder
Mance + mark I R Baldwick A G Felder
Harriett + mark Denit Dillard
Lee + mark
Washington + mark

Contract-with Isaac

The State of Alabama
Montgomery County } We Adam & Felder and Louis & Felder agree to Clothe feed Furnish and Provide and Medical attention to Isaac until the crops are all gathered on our plantation free of charge according to regulations issued from the office of Freedmans bureau at Montgomery Alabama
In Witness whereof we have set our names this 5th June 1865 -
Adam G Felder
I do not charge any thing
Witness Henry his + mark Isaac her + mark
I R Baldwick Louis & Felder
Denit Dillard A G Felder

Contract with Thomas

The State of Alabama This agreement between Adam Montgomery County } G Felder and Louis & Felder of the first part and Thomas of the second part for the year 1865 witnesseth that the party of the first part agree to give to the party of the second part corn meal, clothing, medical attendance and food according to Regulations issued from the office of the Freedmans bureau at Montgomery Alabama until the crops are gathered on the plantation of the party of the second part in consideration that the said Thomas will labor according to said Regulations over and above all such as the party of the first part may desire done and the party of the first part also agrees to give to said Thomas out of their portion as much produce made on the plantation as any other man of like ability receives from the party of the first part for his labor on said plantation under the contract for this year with the party of the first part — In witness whereof we have hereunto set our names this 5th June 1865 - Thomas his + mark
witness Henry his + mark Louis & Felder
I R Baldwick A G Felder
Denit Dillard

W L Pennick } Contract with Anne et als
State of Alabama } The following contract was
Autauga County } this day entered into between
W L Pennick and Anne a Negro girl aged about
sixteen or seventeen years, Rhys a Negro boy
aged twelve or thirteen years, and Myra a
Negro girl aged eight or nine years, to wit -
Anne agrees to hire herself to the said Pennick
until the 25th day of December 1865 to cook, make
and iron, work in the garden, Milk, and
such other duties as about the household as are
customary - Rhys agrees to do light work about the
farm as hoeing, pulling fodder, gathering corn,
working in the gardens cutting cooking wood -
and such other duties as are common for boys
of his age about the farm & house. Myra a-
grees to draw water, sit the table, dust the house
play with the children and such other little du-
ties as may be required of her about the house
For and in consideration of which services the said
Pennick agrees until the 25th of december 1865 to
feed & clothe said Negroes. attend to them when
sick, and the said Pennick also agrees to perform
the same duties in reference to Isaac the infant
child of said Anne. He also agrees to give
to the said Negroes a pass and

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to live in. The said Renick, the Reyses from Reyses and Myra further agree that the Overlooking in performance to force Reyses signed by Superintendent Irving & approved by Com. L L Smith are a part of this contract - except so far as the same are changed by the terms of this contract. - And it is mutually hereunto set our hands this the first day of June 1865.

W L Renick
Anna + her mark
Reyss + his mark
Myra + her mark

Witness
Helen B Robinson
L L Robinson

Felder L & F & Co Contract with Reyss

The State of Alabama This agreement between Montgomery County } A Felder and Lewis & Felder of the first part and Reyss of the second part witnesseth, that the party of the first part is to clothe and furnish room board, fuel, and medical attendance to the party of the second part according to Regulations issued from the office of the Freedmens Bureau at Montgomery Ala and to the crops are all gathered on the plantation of the party of the first part, in consideration thereof the said Reyss will labor according to said Regulations on and about the plantation of said first part about all such work as the party of the first part may desire done for which they is to receive from the party of the second part one fourth of the sum for which the cotton made on the place is sold provided what meat & bread is used at home by the party of the first part is to be at their own option and they is only to receive the one fourth part of that the party of the first part desires to sell and have actually sold. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands 5th June 1865

Witness Henry his mark
J R Baldwick
D Wiley Dillard

Reyss his mark
Lewis & Felder
A Felder

Felder L & F & Co Contract with Frances

The State of Alabama, This agreement between Montgomery County } A Felder and Lewis & Felder of the first part and Frances of the second part witnesseth that the party of the first part agrees to furnish house room and fuel to the child Thomas of the party of the second part and also furnish to the party of the second part sufficient food for said child at the price of one and a half dollars a month the party of the second part is to clothe and furnish Medical attendance for her said child at her own expense this contract to continue only so long as the party of the second part is working under her present contract with the party of the first part. In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our names, there not able to write making their marks this 5th June 1865

Witness Henry his mark
J R Baldwick
D Wiley Dillard

Frances her mark
Lewis & Felder
A Felder

Felder L & F & Co Contract with Leah

The State of Alabama, This agreement made between Montgomery County } A Felder and Lewis & Felder of the first part and Leah of the second part witnesseth that the party of the first part agrees to furnish house room fuel clothing medical attendance and food to her child Richard according to Regulations issued from the office of freedmens bureau at Montgomery Ala In consideration that the said Richard will labor according to said Regulations on and about all such work as the said first part may desire done this contract to continue only during the contract between the parties in relation to the work to be done by the party of the second part on the plantation of the first part - In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 5th June 1865

Leah her mark

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Witness Leah her mark — Lewis & Folder
D Wm Dillard — A G Folder
L R Baldrick

Folder L & A G, contract with Thomas & Family
The State of Alabama, This agreement between
Montgomery County } Adam G Folder and Lewis &
Folder of the first part and Thomas and Family
of the second part, witnesseth that the party of the
first part agrees to furnish house room and
food to all the six children of the party of the
second part and also furnish to the party of the
second part sufficient food for said children for
the price of one and a half dollars a month
for each child the party of the second part is to
clothe and furnish medical attendance for
their said children at their own expense. This
contract to continue only so long as the party of
the second part are working under their present
contract with the party of the first part.
In witness whereof we have hereunto set our
names, they not able to write making their mark
Witness Jenny her mark — Thomas his mark
L R Baldrick — Family " "
D Wm Dillard — Lewis & Folder
A G Folder

Folder L & A G, contract with Ellen
The State of Alabama, This agreement between A.
Montgomery County } do. G Folder & Lewis & Folder
of the first part and Ellen of the second part wit-
nesseth, that the party of the first part agrees
to furnish house room and food to all the four
children of the party of the second part and al-
so furnish to the party of the second part suf-
ficient food for said children for the price of
one and a half dollars a month for each child
the party of the second part is to clothe and
furnish medical attendance for their said chil-
dren at her own expense, This contract to con-
tinue only so long as the party of the second
part is working under her present contract with
the party of the first part. In witness whereof we have hereunto
set our names they not able to write making their mark — Ellen her mark
Witness Jenny her mark — Ellen her mark
L R Baldrick — Lewis & Folder
D Wm Dillard — A G Folder

Folder Lewis & A G, contract with Caroline
The State of Alabama, This agreement between A.
Montgomery County } G Folder and L & Folder of the
first part, and Caroline of the second part, wit-nes-
seth, That the party of the first part agrees to furnish
house room and food to all the five children
of the party of the second part and also furnish
to the party of the second part sufficient food for
said children for the price of one and a half
dollars a month for each child, the party of the
second part is to clothe & furnish medical atten-
dance for her said children at her own expense
This contract to continue only so long as the par-
ty of the second part is working under her pres-
ent contract with the party of the first part on
this plantation — In witness whereof we have here-
unto set our names they not able to write ma-
king their marks — Sic Lewis his mark
Witness Jenny her mark — Caroline her mark
L R Baldrick — Lewis & Folder
D Wm Dillard — A G Folder

Folder L & A G Contract For Dray & Fanny
The State of Alabama, This agreement between A G
Montgomery County } Folder and L & Folder of the
first part and Dennis of the second part witnesseth that
the party of the first part is to furnish house room
and clothing, Medical attendance, and food to his
child Dray and house room and food to his child
Fanny according to Regulations issued from the Bu-
freau and bureau at Montgomery Ala. and for
this child Fanny at one and a half dollars a mon-

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the consideration that Orry will labor in or about all such work according to said regulations as the party of the first part may desire done for which the party of the first part is to pay two dollars a month for Orry's services. The party of the second part is to clothe and furnish medical attendance to Fanny at his own expense. This contract to continue only so long as the party of the second part is working under his present contract with the party of the first part on the plantation - In witness whereof we have hereunto set our names. Those not able to write making their marks

Z R Baldwick
D Hill Dillard?

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Henry his mark
Lewis G Polder
A G Polder

Polly L & A G, contract with Emma & child

The State of Alabama This agreement between A G Polder
Montgomery County A & L G Polder of the first part and
Emma of the second part for the year 1865 witnesseth
that the party of the first part agrees to give to the
party of the second part house room, fuel, clothing -
medical attendance and food according to Regulations
issued from the office of the Freedmens bureau at
Montgomery Ala. until the crops are all gathered
on the plantation of the party of the first part in
consideration that the said Emma will labor accord-
ing to said Regulations in or about all such work
as the party of the first part may desire done and
the party of the first part also agrees to give to
said Emma out of their portion as much pro-
duce made on the plantation as any other woman
of like ability receives from the party of the first
part for her labor on said plantation under her
contract for this year with the party of the first
part. Also to furnish house room and fuel to
her children free of charge and sufficient food for
said children for one and a half dollars a month
and to clothe & furnish said children medical atten-

ance at her own expense This contract to continue
in force until the crops this year are gathered

witness Henry his mark
Z R Baldwick
D Hill Dillard?

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Emma her mark
Lewis G Polder
A G Polder

James Smith Contract with Freedmen
Lowndes Co June 1st 1865

The following is a contract entered into between James
Smith, and the Freedmen, laborers or Freedmen for
merly occupying his plantation - The following
is a list of said persons - Bob aged 75 years, wife
Mary 50. Amos his son aged 20. Rob 18. daughter Fanny
aged 17, Jane 15. Dick 60. Mack 60. Randy 25. Hannah
50. his children 4 & 2 years. Nancy for gone with child
Mary Ratchell 25 years. Sarah 25 two children 4 &
years old, Tom gone with child her husband has
left the place. Leahs a feeble woman with two
children 3 & 1 year old. Her husband is now in the
U. S. Army. Harriet 50 years old, 1 child 4 years old
Jeremiah, 3 Mutilees 9 years children 10. & 6 years
son 25, 2 children 3 & 8 years old. her husband has
left the place. Lewis 45 years old, wife Judy 35. Son
14. Three children 12. 6. & 1 yr old, George 25. Mid 30.
Nancy 33. Richard 20. Bill 16. = Said Smith agrees on
his part to comply with all the labor regulations
set forth in the order of Gen A G Smith, relating
to Rations, Clothing, Medical attendance, gardens and
fuel. The Rations to consist of 3 lbs Bacon, and a
peck of Meal to each hand per week, The clothing
will be Hat and Shoes. Medical attendance when ne
cessary, with comfortable gardens & fuel - The fore
going Freedmen laborers agree upon their part to work on
the plantation until the 25th of December next as it
will require the same until that date to gather the
crop and get all ready for market, for one fourth
part of the crop, including corn fodder. Peas and po
tatoes all the crops of any description on the place -
The above contract was made after a full and

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...explanation of the labor legislation to said Negroes and is now respectfully submitted for the Superintendent for his ratification
Witness W. G. Spivey — L. H. Smith

W. G. Spivey W. Ed. Contract with Freedmen
Lowndes Co. June 1st 1865.

The following contract was this day agreed upon between W. M. Spivey agent of Hon D. F. Caldwell of N. C. and the Negroes formerly occupying his plantation in this County — Names of the Negroes — Ezekiel 50 - wife 50 - Jess Green 15. daughter Amy 11. Isabella 20. Martha 25 - Washington 35. Wife 21. Children 4 + 2 yrs. Caleb 50 wife 40. daughter Adeline 17. Two children 8 + 10 yrs old. Thom 60. wife 40. Son Tom 18. Alfred 22. wife 17. Rosa 24. wife & Two children 4 + 1 yrs. Adison 25 yrs old. Thom 2[illegible] wife 20. 2 children 4 + 1 yrs old. Dick 25. wife 19. Andrew 35. Wife 40. Warren 31. Wife 25. 2 children 6 + 4 yrs. Eliza 21. Wife 18. Albert 46. Wife 40. Son David 16. Son 14. Amelia 12. Clarissa 10. Kate 8. Mary 4. Ann 4 8. Ned 65. wife 50. Hap-Spy daughter 12 yrs. Louisa 8. Alabama 6. Bill 22. Wife 22 - Lizzy 19. Green 33. Hamilton 35. Son Abey 11. Emelina 45. child 5. Clarissa 7 11. Hannah 7 11. Letty 35. Sons Frank 12 Winston 6. Presley 4. Ezekiel 2. Mike 27. Sarah 20. child 4 months old. Lewis Spivey and parents 10 yrs. Stella 65. Catarina 40 Sons Bady 16. Sol 15. Bally 10. Robin 8. Mobile 6. —

Said Spivey agent upon his part obligates to comply with all the Labor Regulations set forth by order of Gen A. Smith. That is to say to feed & clothe them & furnish Medical attention when sick, comfortable quarters, fuel &c - Rations to consist of 3 lbs Bacon & one peck of meal per week or their equivalent in other wholesome and substantial food. Clothing 2 suits summer clothing 1 Winter. per Year. The forenamed Negroes agree upon their part to perform the amount of labor specified in the Labor Regulations for one fourth part of the present growing crops including corn fodder. Peas. Potatoes and cotton. There being no other crops of any description growing on the place. They agree to [illegible] on the Plantation and work until the 1st day of December next. The Superintendent as it will require all the time until that date to gather the crop & get ready for market. The above bargain was entered into after a full & fair explanation to them of the labor Regulations and it is now respectfully presented to the Superintendent for his ratification

Witness L. H. Smith — W. G. Spivey

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Williamson Ch. P. Contract with Freedmen

I have this day agreed upon the terms for the below with the following Freedpersons — Bob a man 55 years and a cripple, and Elizabeth woman about 40, Louisa 11 years and Laura a girl about 11 years of age for their labor for the balance of the year 1865. Their people are all of the same family. I agree to give them labour one third part of the present growing crop of corn & potatoes, and pay doctors bills for, clothe them and furnish food for the time specified, and the said labours are to stay with me and labor on the same in accordance with late regulations made by the Gen.l Superintendant for the State of Ala" dated 26th May 1865 for balance of year 1865

Witness A. L. Perry L.P. — 135 Bob + his mark + family

Approved June 7th 1865
G. W. Buckley

Lynch Frank, Contract with Freedmen

In consideration of the services of the hereinafter mentioned Negroes from this date until the 1st Jany 1866 Frank Lynch binds myself to feed clothe & physician & provide rent. them one third of the present crop in consideration of which recompense the following named Negroes bind themselves to labor faithfully & take good care of all property belonging to me placed under their charge - failing in which they will lose all interest in the above mentioned portion of the present crop which will accrue to them & will be forfeited to me. The following Negroes hereby signified their assent to this agreement. viz: Sam

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Owens Alick. Pompey. Frank. Big. Sam. Little Sam. Bell.
Minnie. Milly. Mary. Eliza. Elsie. Ellen. Charlotte.
Witness of R. Lanier
149.
(Safford & A) contract with Freedmen
Montgomery Ala.

The undersigned Colored Freedmen & Women and Children are capable of making their own Crops & are working for me at this time — Rion first-class hand one acre of Corn & Potatoes —
Peady class hand " " " " "
Sam " " " " " "
Maggot-Lewis class ½ " " "
Gabriel first- " one " " " "
Paulk " " " " " " 149
I Certify that this correct Statement of the Names above mentioned, doctors bills, clothing, and good rations & fuel will be furnished 6 - 155
Salvage Station Lowndes Co. L. A. Safford
Bangh Thornton) Contract with Freedmen.
Troy Pike County June 3, 1865.

Thornton Bangh of said place has contracted with a Colored Male Man about fifty years old for the said Year as a Farmer and agrees to give him eight dollars per Month, and find, clothe him and pay all his medical bills for Sickness, and him agrees to work the time Specified in the general Order Regulating the Labor of Freedmen, said Contract to continue till Christmas next — his mark
Witness A. A. Griffin L.P. 154½ - 156
L. A. Nelson
J. Jno. Y. Youngblood Sheff

Bangh Thornton, Contract with Freedmen.
Thornton Bangh of said place has hired a Colored Man named Jonas about sixty two years old to aid in the Work of a Cow yard and agrees to give him Six dollars per Month, find clothes and pay his medical attention, the said Jonas agreeing to work the usual Hours. The said [illegible] Jonas is to receive one half a day labour. also a

Colored Woman named Julia 35 years old. at the rate of five dollars per month, and agrees to find, clothe and pay Medical bills of said Woman and infant child three months old, and Julia agrees to do the work Necessary to be done at the cabin — Given witness my hand, and have set our hands & Seals. A. A. Griffin 156 - 158 L. A. Nelson for Jonas
L. A. Nelson } Julia her mark

Brooks S. L.) Contract with Freedmen
State of Ala. We the undersigned on this Lowndes Co } the 14th of June 1865 make & acknowledge this as our agreement. L. S. L. Brooks obligates myself to give one fourth of the crops of the present year which shall be gathered, consisting of corn, Cotton, Wheat, Peas, and Sweet Potatoes to the following colored persons, to wit: Page 47. Hampage 47. Willis 38. Benny 30. Nancy 25. John 47. Polly 25. Emiline 25. Ann 17. Silas 45. Betty 35. Anne 17. Dorcas 25. Jack 30. Tom 25. Louisa 30. Lucinda 17. Minny 25. Selina 25. Betsey. Ike 25. Venus 23. Lark 20. Edy 25. Isaac 30. Big Albert 40. Vine 38. Big Tom 60. Robert 16. Sabra 14. Amos 12. Diana 45. Big Anthony 60. Lone 45. Lizzy 35. Johny 12. Mary 60. = The consideration of which they are to discharge their duty faithfully as Laborers in all the business connected with the Plantation until the 25th of next December. said Laborers are to receive one suit of cotton clothes and a Woolen Jacket or coat — to be fed as heretofore and Doctors bill found. a per of shoes will be furnished each by their accounting for the leather given them a few days ago. and the half of every Saturday given them to work their own Crop, and permission to raise poultry. all orders given by myself or the foreman are to be strictly obeyed. the foreman in addition to the Wages drawn from the crop, shall each receive $2.50 per Month. three fifths of them — The boy London will receive in addition to Wages drawn from the crops $5.00 per Year

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from this date. The family Physicians and Nurse per-
sons selected by them. Who from time, shall decide
when the crop is gathered, what shall be the dis-
tributive part of each. A L Brooks 15 Aug 67 - 195

Wm Pullman

Hamilton R, contract with Anderson
Tuscaloosa County } The undersigned Freedmen
State of Alabama } Laborers of the County of
May 25th 1865 } Tuscaloosa State of Ala-
do contract with R Hamilton of the county of
Greene State of Alabama as per following contract
and Stipulations, viz: I. A. R Hamilton of the
County of Mont'g State of Ala. contracts to furnish fam-
ilies, below, the articles of clothing & medical attention
until the 24th of december 1865. and additional articles
contracts to give one third of the corn, fodder, Molasses
and potatoes grown upon the plantation for the year
1865. In consideration whereof the said Freedmen
contract to do labor faithfully with due diligence
& strictly attend to their employer from the 1st day of
1865. and faithfully perform said contract to the end
of the year. Said Freedmen strictly and morally - and for
& in consideration contract to work steadily all the days during this
said term of employer and employee - III - The said Ham-
ilton contracts to return all provisions, clothing, Med-
ical attention in money or its equivalent in money
to R Hamilton for such children as belong to the
families of families respectively who are unable to
labor

Dennis his mark	Carleton	Augustus his mark	Carleton		
Adam "	"	Moses	"	"	Witness
Moses "	"	Peter	"	"	Wm Frazier
Washington	"	Madison	"	"	
Hannah	"	[illegible]	"	"	195 16 211
Thomas	"	Silvia	"	"	
George	"	Lucretia	"	"	
Frances	"	Eliza	"	"	
[illegible]	"	Susan	"	"	
[illegible]	"	Matilda	"	"	
Virginia	"	Caroline	"	"	Frazier
Jane	"	"	"	"	"
Charlotte	"	"	"	"	"
Hannah	"	"	"	"	"
Virginia	"	"	"	"	" 214 - 218
Anna	"	"	"	"	"
[illegible]	"	"	"	"	"
Priscilla	"	"	"	"	"

Goldsmith Edgar, contract with Anderson
The State of Alabama } Articles of agreement en-
Greene County } tered into the third day
June 1865. between Edgar Goldsmith of the
first part, and the following named Freedmen
the other part. to wit. Edgar aged about 18 years and
Harriet his wife about 40 years, both second
class hands having the following children living
with them, to wit; Lillie Bell aged ten years, Ma-
ria Ann aged seven years, Charles Henry aged
Jonquin and his wife about twenty two years, both
second class hands; Parthenia Anderson about
twenty years a first class hand; William about
twenty seven years, and Celia his wife, about
thirty years. And William a first class hand, and
his wife Celia unsound and incapable of sup-
porting herself. Virginia about forty eight years,
first class hand, and her wife Jane about
forty eight years a second class hand, with
whom their children living with them aged five
years; Lydia aged about twenty one years, a sec-
ond class hand, living with her children
Rosetta aged three years and Solomon aged
eighteen months; Jacob about forty five years
a second class hand and Patsy his wife also
a second class hand with two children Hastings
ten twelve years, and Webster three years living
with them. Old Bill about forty eight years a
first class hand and his daughter Emily also a first
class hand aged twenty two years. her children Ben
under five years William three years and Louis

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...e your living with him: Lucy a mon about thirty three, a first-class hand and Mary his wife about forty five a third class hand and Simmons with Elsy their child Elsy aged fifteen a second class hand. Dolia Tucker & Lydia third class hands, and Robert his 4 sons their children living with them: Nancy a mon aged about thirty years a first-class hand, two children. Jemima six years and Iggy four years living with him. Cato about twenty eight years, and his wife Elizabeth both first-class hands with their children Dinah eight years. Nancy five years. Melville three years Mack two years. And Lucy one year living with their Mary. Jim forty years a third class hand, and two children Joseph eighteen years living with him. Edmund sixty years and Nancy his wife about forty five years, both second class hands. Dennis a woman about twenty eight years a first-class hand Margaret his wife about twenty six years a second class hand with their children Miranda eight years, Columbus nine years and Nancy two years living with them. Joseph about thirty years a second class hand. Olin about twenty two years a second class hand. Jim Tucker 23 a first-class hand. Rose 20 a first class hand. Randal 22 years a first class. Kitty, Sis 28 years age first class. Lafayette 22 years a second class hand. Shadrack 14 years old. a third class hand, old Dennis about 65 years a third class hand, and little Becky 20 years a first class hand. Witnesseth, That whereas the said Goldthwaite has now growing and about being secured on his plantations in Dallas County fifty five acres of wheat and also four hundred & fifty acres of corn, thirty acres of sugar cane, twenty acres of cotton and six acres of Irish potatoes growing. Now therefore the said Negro bargainers who are parties hereto do hereby bargain and agree for and in consideration of the sum of three crops of wheat, corn, sugar cane, cotton and potatoes to be to them delivered as hereinafter specified, to serve the said Goldthwaite on plantations hands for and during the remainder of the present year 1865 in harvesting tending, gathering and storing said several crops - & saving the land and storing the grain crops for the ensuing year and performing such other labor and services as is usual and customary such plantations, as the one herein specified rendering diligent ready and respectful service and during the period herein specified on the days and for the number of hours on such days are prescribed by the proper authority; In consideration of which, the said Goldthwaite hereby

John S

John S Harris Vol 1st Regt 1145

Col, girl Francis

Complains that She was run off

and the said Harris would not pay her

...ing and packing the cotton to deliver and the seed cotton, and Pickers for ginning and ding the sugar cane, and in addition thereto and clothe the said negroes and their families with them with medical attendance, food and houses, and also to allow them such portion of land for their own cultivation as may be prescribed by the proper authority, and it is also understood and agreed by the parties hereto that the said third of said crops shall be distributed among the working hands by the said third to be divided into fifty equal shares, twenty shares of which shall be equally divided among the first-class male hands, eleven and one half shares among the second class male hands two and one half shares among the third class male hands, nine and one half shares among the first-class female hands and one half shares among the second

...e yoss living with him: Lenny a man about-
thirty years, a first-class hand and Mary his
wife about-forty five, a third class hands and
Jemmy and Nancy their child Eley aged fifteen
in second class hands. Dolia Tucker 45 yoss third
class hand, and Robert-Lin 9 yoss their children
living with them; Nancy Ann aged about-thirty yoss
a first-class hand, her children. Jemmitta Lin
9 yoss and Iggy four yoss living with her. Cook
about-twenty eight-yoss. and his wife Elizabeth
both first-class hands with their children Pink
eight-yoss. Henry five yoss. Melville three yoss
Mack two yoss. and Ben one yoss living with the
Negro Jenny. Jemmy forty yoss a third class hand. and
her child Joseph eighteen yoss living with
Edmund Lin...

...ky 30 yoss living with them, Joseph about-thirty-
5 yoss a second class hand. Olin about-twenty two
yoss a second class hand. Lin Tucker 23 a first-
class hand. Bruce 30 a first-class hand. Rondon 21
years a first class. Killy Lin 28 years a girl and
Lafayette 22 yoss a second class hand. Broadnax
14 yoss old. a third class hand, Old Lewis about-
65 yoss a third class hand, and little Becky 20
yoss a first-class hand. Provided, That when-
as the said Goldthwaite may now growing and
about being ready on his plantation Pine
Grove twenty fifty five acres of wheat; and also
upon ...dred fifty acres of corn, thirty acres
of sugar cane, twenty acres of cotton and six acres of
sweet potatoes growing now thereon by the
Negro hands who are parties hereto, do hereby
covenant and agree for and in consideration
of the shares of said crops of wheat, corn, sugar

...ation and potatoes to be to them delivered as
hereinafter specified, to serve the said Goldthwaite
on his plantation hands for and during the remain-
der of the present year 1865 in harvesting tend-
ing, gathering and storing said several crops.
and saving the land and storing the grain crops for
rendering labor and performing such other
labor and service as is usual and customary
on such plantations; as the one herein specified
rendering diligent ready and respectful service
for and during the period herein specified on the
days and for the number of hours on such days
as are prescribed by the proper authority; in con-
sideration of which, the said Goldthwaite hereby
covenants and promises to deliver to said negroes
words one third of the entire crops of wheat, corn
sugar cane, cotton and potatoes of and made
on said plantation to be delivered as soon as prac-
ticable after gathering the same, and to allow the
use of the dwelling houses with convenient fire
wood for cooking and keeping the cotton to deliver and
to make the meals and rations for grinding and
ginning the sugar cane, and in addition thereto to
feed and clothe the said negroes and their families
with them with medical attendance, fuel,
and houses and also to allow them such por-
tion of land for their own cultivation as may
be prescribed by the proper authority, and it
is also understood and agreed by the parties
hereto, that the said third of said crops shall
be distributed among the working hands by
classes, the said third to be divided into fifty
seven equal shares, seventy shares of which shall
be equally divided among the first-class male
hands, Eleven and one half shares among the
second class male hands, five and one half shares
among the third class male hands, nine and one
half shares among the first-class female hands
seven and one half shares among the second

clair Female Laundry, and Three Dollars among the
Three last Female Hands. And it is also further
Mutually understood and agreed that for all time
lost by Sickness or Detention in addition with
the Rule in proportion to the time lost. That
deduction of one Month's Rations from the
Shares of the Working Members of any family
for each child under Ten years of age, or such
other proportion as the Superintendent or as
Assistant Superintendent may determine is
just and right.

The foregoing contract was
distinctly Read and ex-
plained in the presence
& hearing of the negroes whose
Names are Signed hereto
on this 2 day of June 1865.
and they all assented
thereto, and all of them
execute this Contract against
their Respective Signatures
in our presence

Mrs E D Moore
L. C. Semple
Thos A Christian

Little Abel his mark
Lafayette his mark
Frederick " "
Old Lewis " "
Little Lewis " "
Dorcas her "
Lucinda Tucker " "

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Lewis his mark
Harriet her mark
Clara her mark
Georgiana her mark
Perthina "
Jillison his "
Celia her "
Big Lewis his "
Lucia her "
Lydia "
Jack his "
Patsey her "
Old Bill his "
Fanny her "
Sandy his "
Nancy her "
Elsey "
Caroline "
Carter his
Elizabeth her "
Mary Ann "
Edmund his "
Winny her "
Dennis "
Henry his "
Joseph "
Olin "
Rose "
Randal "

Hall P D Contract with Freedmen
Montgomery County } I the undersigned
State of Ala. June 2d 1865. } Freedmen Laborers of
the County of Montgomery State of Ala. do contract
with P D Hall County of Montgomery State of
Alabama as per following contract and stipulation
viz - P D Hall of the County of Montgomery St.
Ala contracts to furnish food, quarters, clothing
medical attention, until the 31st day of December
1865. And in addition thereto contracts to give
one third of the Corn and fodder and potatoes
raised on said farm for the year 1865. in
addition and in consideration that I the
contractor do agree faithfully, with due dili-
gence Working all time for our employer
until the 31st of December 1865. And faithfully
promise to conduct ourselves Morally, honestly,
and uprightly and further more contract to
obey strictly all orders for said interest of employ-
er or employer, We contract further more to
return all provisions clothing & Medical attention
or Money or its equivalent to P D Hall for
such Children as belongs to the hands of families
specially those who are unable to labor

Adam + Hall Witness - Wm L Dickerson
Eliza + Hall 254 & 258 Wm L Dickerson
Milly + Hall Wm L Dickerson
Jenny + Dicker Wm L Dickerson

State of Ala Personally came before me Freedmen
Mont County this contract was read and explained
to Victoria Augusta D Morgan of the County and
State aforesaid, and Milly & Caroline free persons
of color, of the same County and State aforesaid.
that the said parties have agreed as follows. To wit
Milly & Caroline agree to serve as house servants to the
said Augusta D Morgan faithfully according to the
ability during the remainder of the present year
1865. and to obey all her lawful orders or commands

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thfully. In consideration of the promises and
agreements of the said parties, the said A D Mc
agan promises & agrees to furnish Milly & Caroline
d Stafford, clothing, fuel, Medical attendance, whe
sick and a house to live in during the remain
der of the present year 1865. In witness whereo
the parties have hereunto set their hands an
affixed their seals on the day and year above
written
Witness A P Ivy

Augusta D Morgan
Milly x
Caroline x

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Wilder L H Contract with Freedmen
Between L H Wilder and Eliza a free woman
of colour 25 years old with one child 5 years old —
The undersigned on his part promises to
care for and protect her and child, furnish
food, clothing, House, Fuel, Medical attendance
and $5.00 per Month, also to treat her and child
with Kindness and Respect, and she on her
part promises to do all the House hold work re-
quired in a family of three persons, also to be
civil, faithful, industrious and obedient to
all just Requirements =
Witness.
Cadiz Co Ohio Sept 15th 1865

L H Wilder
Eliza her + mark
W H Gwinn

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Gwinn & Col Contract with Freedmen
Montgomery County Ala Sept 15th 1865. I have this day
hired Mulatto Color brown aged 22 years to
work in blacksmith Shop also to work in the
Plantation for his services I agree to clothe
three feed & pay Medical attendance also three
fourths of the profits of said Blacksmith Shop
Hired to Jan 1st
Witness Ernest Henshaw

L H Ward

Contract Papers Contract with Freedmen
State of Ala } Articles of agreement
Macon County } Sept 15th 1865 between L H Ogwall
Jno Nute one part & the following named Labor-
ers on the other, Wales Davis, Tom Captain, Mosh
Anderson, Isaiah, Riley, Tinney, Dinah, Sarah-
ann Long under 12 years, Richmond under 12
years. The said party of the 2nd part hereby
bind & hire themselves to the said party of the
1st part to work on his plantation upon the
usual farming conditions, & furnish food, clo-
thing, Doctor & Medical Attendance & find to one
half of the Corn & Fodder, peas, Wheat & Sweet
Potatoes of the present growing crop.

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L H Ogwall
I certify that the above Contract was made
in my presence and that the Labors were
satisfied
Thos M Nichol
L H Ogwall

mericus, Tom, Linda, Linna, Dinah, Eliza, Liza
ary, Sooky, Charlotte, Linda, Marcus, Dicey, Emily
ch are to be raised & furnished with provisions
ment Montgomery Ala & have entered into a
ntract with the above Laborers to work on
y plantation upon the following conditions
furnish food, clothing, House, medical at-
ndance & give to one half of the Corn, Fodder,
as Potatoes, Wheat, Sysups & of the product of
e growing crop. — Eliza Ogwall
certify that the above Contract was made
in my presence and that the Labors were
satisfied

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L H Ogwall
Thos Carmichael

Contract No 2) Contract with Freedmen
State of Ala } Articles of agreement
Macon County } Sept 15th 1865 between L H Ogwall
on the one part & the following named Labor-
ers on the other, Wales Davis, Tom Captain, Mosh
Anderson, Isaiah, Riley, Tinney, Dinah, Sarah-
ann long under 12 years, Richmond under 12
years. The said party of the 2nd part hereby
bind & hire themselves to the said party of the
1st part to work on his plantation upon the
usual farming conditions, & furnish food, clo-
thing, Doctor & Medical Attendance & find to one
half of the Corn & Fodder, peas, Wheat & Sysups
Potatoes of the present growing crop.

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L H Ogwall
I certify that the above Contract was made
in my presence and that the Labors were
satisfied
Thos M Nichol
L H Ogwall

Burside W H Contract with Freedmen
Between W H Burside of the first part and
Betsy a free colored woman aged about 25 years
the second part. The party of the first part
agrees to furnish the party of the second part

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clothing food and medical attendance and two
dollars a Month or its equivalent and treat him
with Kindness and respect on the part of Be
they the agents and promises to do homestead
work and obey cheerfully and promptly and if
dissatisfied to give at least two weeks notice before
leaving said contract to continue in force until
Christmas 298,-299
Prattville Alabama 8th 1865 W H Gordin
Bettany her + mark
C L Langham Witness

Ward R L) Contract with Freedmen—
Montgomery June 8th 1865 I have this day hired
Arthur Coleclock aged 22 years to work the crop
and attend to the plantation for said service
agree to clothe feed treat + pay Dr bill also to
give him one fourth of all that we cultivate
said to Jan 1st 289,-290 R L Ward
Witness Henry Henderson

Chessman L T) Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama } Articles of agreement be-
Macon County June 8th 65 } tween L T Chessman on
the one part and the following named Laborers on
the other part. Males. Henry. Peter. Charles. David. Ben
Allen. George. Little Henry. Henderson. Frederick. Willy.
Harry. Jerry. India. Ann. Polly. Milly. Dinah. Rhoda
Ann. Celia. In consideration of and hereinafter fully
set forth the said parties of the first part agree
and contract with the above named
Laborers to work upon my plantation upon the
following conditions. I furnish food clothing
Medical attention + fuel and also agree to give
them one fourth part of the corn and wheat of
the present growing crop. L T Chessman
I certify that the Labor contract was made in
my presence and that the Laborers are satisfied
29,-307 H L Shacklford
John Carmichael

Baldwin W O) Contract with Freedman
I have hired the boy Henry for the term of
six Months and agree to provide him three dol-
lars per month and to furnish him board
clothing and medical attention 307,-308
June 1st 1865 W O Baldwin
Attest Jesse Williams

Stewart H L Stark) Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama This indenture made
between Henry Clay entered into this day
H L Stewart and H L L Stewart of the first-
part and Lewis a Colored man and Fannie
and Rosie Colored Woman of the second part.
Witnesseth, that the parties of the second part
have agreed and do hereby agree to labor for
the parties of the first part the remainder of
the present year and to perform such service
as they and either of them performed during the
present year and in consideration of such ser-
vice the parties of the first part agree
to furnish the said parties of the second
part with board and clothing and with the
necessary Medical attendance during said
period and said board and clothing is to be
such as the said parties of the first part have
habitually furnished to the said parties of the
second part - it is hereby mutually agreed by
the parties this 8th day of June 1865 -
Attest - L W Dickinson Jr

308,-311 H L Stewart
L L Stewart
Lewis + his mark
Fannie + her mark
Rosie + her mark

Baker Silas R) contract with Freedmen -
Tuskegee June 8th 1865 I have this day hired Silas
Baker + colored persons on his premises -
Contract 25 years old South
Children Edmund Baker + Milinda about 9 + 6

wives old agreed to this for victuals + clothes for self
children until the 1st of January next + medical
attendance. Bill a man about 46 years a shoe
maker. agrees as a shoe maker. agrees to stay +
continue his shoe shop in Selma + to pay me
such amount to suit as his Guardian as he can
spare from the support of himself & family
William Cate — Silas B Cate

311 2-313

Agreement between, entered into with Freedmen
State of Ala
Marion Co. June 7th 1865 — Know all by these presents that
the undersigned and the following named laborers
on the other. Males. Thomas. Ned, Dave Tyre, Adam
Tidmore. Harriet, Phoebe, Rina, Hannah, Sally,
Hester. In conformity to an order issued from
Head Quarters, Freedmans Bureau Montgomery
Ala I have entered into a contract with the above
laborers to work on my plantation upon the fol-
lowing conditions. I furnish good clothing hous-
es. Medical attendance & feed also one third of
corn. Fodder wheat. peas. potatoes. Syrup of the
present growing crop. John Cammichael
I certify that the above contract was made in
my presence and that the laborers were satisfied
313 10-323 C F Shackelford
L F Spencer

Perry B F, contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama } This agreement witnesseth
Lowndes County } that B F Perry, minister of
the Gospel and citizen of said County of the one
part and Henry, Hoy, and Rebecca persons of
color and non-declared free of the other part:
said by virtue of certain rules and regulations
published by Lt Conway, Superintendent of
Freedmen, at Burgen, and approved & signed by
Maj Gen'l A L Smith of U S. Army commanding
this Military district. have entered into the follow
ing contract to wit. Henry agrees to labor for the
said employer until the 1st of January next as
ordered. Hoe, and in any other way that
he may be called upon about his lot or elsewhere. They agree to serve as cook, washer,
&c. and in any other way that may be
required, during the remainder of the year.
Rebecca agrees to serve as nurse and in
any other way required, for the same period
the laborers are to be respectfully and obe-
dient to employer & family; to be faithful in
the discharge of their duties and are to be
governed by the aforesaid published regu-
lations. And the said employer on his
part, agrees to furnish them with good
clothing, houses, medical attendance & feed
and to deal liberally with them in permitting
them Sunday facilities. As witness our hands
this 7th June 1865. B F Perry
Freedmens Bureau authorize 323 3-326 Henry
Mrs Perry to sign this Hoy
name in presence of us Rebecca
Thos A Williams
Geo Thomas

Osmat, Ann. contract with Freedmen
State of Ala } Articles of agree-
Marion County } June 8/65 - ment between Ann
Ann Osmat of the one part and the fol-
lowing named laborers on the other part -
Mark, Charlie, Lewis, Lia, Frank, Adeline
Annetta, Sarah, Martha Ann, Ellen, Harriet,
Latie, Hal. In conformity to an order issued
from headquarters Freedmens Bureau Montgom-
ery Ala, I have entered into a contract with the
said above named laborers to work upon my
plantation upon the following terms, I furnish
food, clothing, Medical attention and feed, and
does agree to give them one third upon of the corn
and wheat of the present growing crop.
Ann Osmat

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I certify that the above contract was made in my presence and that the laborers may satisfy

324/13-339 H T Shackelford
J P C C

Thompson Isaac & Wandy, contract with Friedmans

State of Ala
Macon Co June 5th 1865 Articles of agreement between Isaac Thompson of the one part and the following named laborers on the other - viz Nancy, Jim, Letty, Sarah, Lucy, Sally, Armey, Bill, Mercer, Hannah, Mandy, Ennie, Isabella. In conformity to an order issued from the Freedmans Bureau, Montgomery, Ala, I have entered into a contract with the above laborers to work on my plantation upon the following conditions, that I furnish food clothing house, medical attendance and 1/5 one fifth the crop of the present growing crops & as much land as they wish to cultivate in their own time -

Isaac Thompson

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I certify that the above laborers have willingly and of their own accord in my presence agreed to the above contract and promised to make faithful laborers & do their duty -

Wandy Thompson

Thompson Isaac, contract with Friedmans

State of Ala
Macon Co June 5th 1865 Articles of agreement between Isaac Thompson of the one part and the following named laborers on the other - Sarah, Miami, Mary, Mandy, Phenny, Jim, Wandy, Basil, Elick, Jane, Celestine, Dominder, Lizzie, John, Reuly, Caroline, Belvin, Margaret, Elizabeth, Hannah, Selina, Miami. In conformity to an order issued from headquarters Freedmans Bureau Montgomery Ala I have entered into a contract with the above laborers to work on my plantation upon the following conditions that I furnish food clothing house medical attendance &c & 1/5 one fifth of the crop of the present growing crops & as much land as they wish to cultivate in their own time -

Isaac Thompson

I certify that the above laborers have willingly and of their own accord in my presence agreed to the above contract and promised to make faithful laborers & do their duty -

Wandy Thompson

Williams J W & Greenwood, contract with Friedmans

State of Ala
Macon Co June 5th 1865 Articles of agreement between Mrs W E Greenwood and J W Williams on the one part and the following named laborers on the other Males - James, Sandy, Joseph, Smith, Sampson, Bill, Richard, Adam, Peter, Jacob, Jerry - Females Peggy, Sarah, Sophia, Linda, Hannah, Francis, Kisan, Sallie, Polly, Amanda, Clarissa, Females under 14 yrs - Thomas Females under 14 yrs - Amanda - In conformity to an order issued from Head Quarters Freedmans Bureau Montgomery Ala we have entered into a contract with the above laborers to work on our plantation upon the following conditions, that we furnish food, clothing houses, Medical attendance &c & 1/5 one fifth of the crop of the present growing crops -

353 376

J W & E Greenwood
J W Williams

I certify that the above contract was made in my presence & that the laborers are satisfied with the contract -

Joel Osmet

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Williams J W & E Greenwood, contract with Friedmans - Macon Co June 5th 1865 The undersigned do hereby pledge ourselves to work for Wm Benj R Rhodes plantation from this date until the 1st of January 1866 Wm Rhodes agreeing to furnish us meat food and clothing and in addition to that to give the men eight dollars per month, and the women four dollars per month so long as we willing and that we are to abide by the laws laid down in the Code Regulations governing the freedmen into effect from

Sarah + Pond

Diana + 2nd Ponder
Linda + mul D
Linda + Ponder
Lloyd + mul D
Rob + Ponder

Lucinda 2nd Ponder
Mary + mul D
Mary + Ponder
Nelson + mul D
Lucy + Ponder
Abraham + mul 2D

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The Undersigned are willing to stay on the cabin named Plantation for my victuals and clothing and two dollars per Month as I am a girl under fourteen years of age.

Witnessed
in my Presence
G W Buckley

Diana 2nd Ponder
mark

Goodwin James M. contract with Freedmen

Memorandum of an agreement this day made between James M Goodwin of the one part & certain Negroes whose names are hereto affixed of the first part witnesseth, That the said Goodwin hereby contracts to furnish to the said Negroes, food, clothing, house, Medical attendance & one tenth part of all the corn, Fodder, Potatoes, Tobacco & Syrup Made on the Plantation of the said Goodwin during the year 1865. in consideration of the services of said Negroes for the remaining part of said year. said Negroes on their part contracting to labor industriously, to account to said Goodwin for all lost time by reason of sickness & to forfeit for the same & submit to such fines as may be imposed to work when able to do so. to continue to labor for said Goodwin till the end of the present year. Also one of the contracting parties doing so, each & every said Goodwin hereby agrees to pay him at the rate of fifteen dollars per Month for all Work done by said Albert for the year 1866 Goodwin is to be allowed in addition to the compensation to the Whole 10 inches above named he hereby agrees to give to said Negroes the one tenth part of the Crop yet to be gathered

Witness our hands this 1st day of June 1865

James M Goodwin

Bob + Mark
Nathaniel + "
Eliah + "
Reis + "
Jasper + "
Phenily + "
Adeline + "
Jenny + "
Fanny + "
Becky + "

410 +20 10

Campbell W L. contract with Freedmen

Articles of agreement between W L Campbell and the Negroes on his plantation in the County of Montgomery & State of Alabama viz Harriet Phillis Robinson and Allen agree to live with W L Campbell and work while the 1st of December 1865 and to conform respectfully for one tenth part of one fifth of the growing crop. Consisting corn Fodder and Peas clothing support and Medical attention to furnish them and their Children by said W L Campbell.

2d Oscar and Harriet his wife agree to work for W L Campbell until the 15th of December 65 Receiving between them one tenth part of one fifth of the growing crop, consisting Corn Fodder and Peas, support, Clothing and Medical attention to himself and wife and their four small children and Harriet Mother who is to be fed by said W L Campbell.

3d Dallie Richard and Hannah agree to live with W L Campbell and work until the 15th of December 1865 Receiving between them one tenth part of one fifth growing crop of Corn Fodder and Peas, support clothing and Medical attention Furnished to themselves and their four small children

Mary and Lavina agree to work for W L Campbell from the 1st of December 1865 for the support clothing and Medical attention furnished

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to them and Mary[illegible] five small children are engaged making the crop eleven hands this present crop. W L Campbell
Witness John Emerson
Wm A Campbell 429 1/2-429

Emerson John K, Contract with Freedmen
Articles of agreement between John K Emerson and the negroes on his plantation, County of Montgomery State of Alabama -
1st Abig Isaac, Bryan Sarah, and little Isaac, the eldest, Sandy, Agnes, agree to live with John K Emerson, and work until 15th December 1865 receiving equally among them one fourth of the growing crop consisting of corn, Fodder, Potatoes and Peas, clothing, half pint and medical attention furnished them and their children by said James K Emerson 429 7-436 John K Emerson
Witness John A Campbell

Elder Lewis & et als Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama, This agreement between Montgomery County & Elder & H G Elder of the 1st part & R Elder of the first part, Rose and Lucy, Jane Christ, Rosanna, Daniel, & Anne of the second part witnesseth, that the parties of the first part agree to furnish the parties of the second part & Rosanna's two children, houses to live in & food, fuel, clothing & Medical attention according to Regulations issued from the Bureau of Freedmens Bureau of Montgomery Ala- -bama the crops planted on said plantation are all gathered, in consideration that the parties of the second part will labor at- -tend to work as they may be directed on said plantation according to said Regu- -lations & that the crops shall be divided as said parties of the first part to furnish one- -half to the parties of the second part who are able to work making three not able to work making three quarters. This 7th June 1865
[illegible] parties of the first part
[illegible] witness

[illegible] & his mark J R Roderick
[illegible] & her "
[illegible] & his "
[illegible] & his "
[illegible] & H Elder Ex of
Elder R. Dist. Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama This agreement be-
Montgomery County & between Adam & Elder
and H G & R Elder Ex of the 1st part & R Elder of
the first part, Rose and Lucy, and Denis, and
Mill, and Rosa, and Phebe
and Abraham first and Charlotte and Elsy, and
Sophy of the second part witnesseth, that
the first party agrees to furnish comfort-
able and food to the children of the second
party, Rose & Lucy Jane & Denis & Mill the
two sons, Rosa & and Phebe your, Abram &
Charlotte one Elsy and and Sophy one, ac-
cording to Regulations issued from the
Office of the Freedmens bureau at Montgom-
ery Alabama in consideration that the
parties of the second part agree to pay one
and a half dollars a month for each child, each
to be bound for their own children and this
contract to continue with each party of the
second party only so long as each remains
on the plantation and in the employment
of the first party, and each party of the se-
cond part agrees to furnish medical atten-
dance and clothing for their children In
witness whereof, [illegible] hereunto set our
names Rose not able to write making the
marks on the other side of this paper
this 7th June 1865 Charlotte + her mark
Phebe + her mark Elsy + "
[illegible] " " " " H G Elder
[illegible] " " " " H G Elder
[illegible] " " " Lewis & Elder Bro

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Fielder Rent. Contract with Friedmans

State of Alabama } This agreement between
Montgomery County } Lewis & Fielder and A. L. Fielder
of the first part and R. Fielders of the first part and
Isaac and Eliz of the second part witnesseth that the
parties of the first part agree to give the parties of
the second part as much land to work, feed, clothing & medicine as
according to the Regulations issued from the office of the Freedmans
Bureau at Montgomery Alabama. and in consideration
that the parties of the second part, will labor on
or about all such work as the first party may
desire & direct according to said Regulations and
that the party of the first part agrees also to give
to each party of the second part as much produce
out of the Portion of what crops are made on
said plantation as any other person of like a-
bility receives on said plantation for his or her
labor on said plantation. This contract to con-
tinue until the crops are all gathered on said
plantation - In witness whereof we hereunto
set our names, this 7th day of June 1865

Witness
Lewis & Fielder
L R Baldwin

Lewis & Fielder
A L Fielder
R Fielder
Isaac + his mark
Elsa + her mark

Fielder Rent. contract with Friedmans

The State of Alabama } This agreement between
Montgomery County } Fielder and Isaac & Fielder of
the first part and Richard Fielder of the first part and
Mildred, Berry and Flora of the second part wit-
nesseth, that the party of the first part agrees to
furnish house & land, fuel & food to mother
Jenny & her two children according to regulations
issued from the office of the Freedmans Bureau at
Montgomery Ala. at the price of four dollars a
month for Jenny and two and a half dollars
a month each for her two children, which the
parties of the second part agree to pay - the par-
ties of the second part agree to furnish med-

ical attendance and clothing for said Jenny and
her two children at their own expense. This con-
tract to continue only so long as the parties of
the second part working on the said plantation
under contract or under the crop & receive all gath-
ered on said plantations - and witness whereof
we have hereunto set our names this 7th
June 1865

Witness
Lewis & Fielder
L R Baldwin

Mildred + her mark
Berry + " "
Flora + " "
L S Fielder + "
A L Fielder & wife

Fielder Rent. contract with Freedmans

This contract entered into this 8th day of June
A D between Mrs Jennie E. McKee and Jenny
a free servant. Mrs Jennie E. McKee
promises to pay the said Jenny aged thirteen the
sum of two dollars per month for three months
provide comfortable clothing and Board, medical
attendance including - Jenny to perform her
part of this contract faithfully - to do good and
faithful service to her from her report all time
sick, and to forfeit all pay if she continues in
the use of profane language

Witness
Miriam Esker
W J Wilson

Jenny + her mark
Jennie E McKee
Employer

Fielder Lease & Contract with Freedmans

The State of Alabama This agreement be-
Montgomery County } tween L. Fielder of the first-
part and Rhoda Lucy and Hatti a Charity Jem-
ima Rebecca Emma Salvia Will Betty Christine
Albert Little Charley Charley Richard Frank and
Washington Linton Rose and Eliza of the
second part for the year 1865 witnesseth that
the first party agrees to give to the second par-
ties houses to live in fuel & food, medical attend-
ance & clothing according to regulations issued
from the office of the Freedmans Bu-

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...ers of Montgomery Alabama until the crops pla... ...ed on said lands are all gathered in consid... ...eration that the party of the second part ... ...labor in or about his plantation according ... ...to said Regulations until the crops are all ... ...gathered, & then the first party agrees also to ... ...give to the second party one fourth of the corn ... ...Sugar cane potatoes and fruit crops gathered by ... ...the second party from said plantation during said ... ...year and when the said crops are all gathered as ... ...provided of the second part agrees with each of ... ...the said five fourths of the net proceeds ... ...delivered according to merit and in case they can ... ...not agree in such division then the second ... party agree to chose three disinterested persons ... to this end the said five fourths part among them ... according to merit, that is according to ability ... and the manner they have each worked. ... In witness whereof the parties hereto set their hands ... & seals not being able to write making their marks ... on the other side of this paper. This 7th June 1865

Peter + his mark	Betty +	Laura +		
Hopkins + his mark	Phoebe +	Rose +		Witness
Tom + his mark	Charity +	Eliza +		Lewis E Elder
Will +	Rebecka +	Washington +		D Hill Dillard
Abram +	Lucy +			Albert + his mark
Linton +	Emeline +	L E Elder		
Charles +	Richard +		480	
Albert +	Little Charity +		450 2nd	
Matilda +				
Sabina +				

Felony contract, Contract with Freedmen.

The State of Alabama This agreement between
Montgomery County } L E Elder of the first part and
Peter, Hopkins, Tom, Will, Abram, Linton, Charles, Albert,
Matilda, Sabina, Betty, Phoebe, Charity, Rebecca, Lucy,
Eliza, Richard, Little Charity, Jane, Rose, Eliza, Washington
Hannah, Rose and Sarah of the second part witnesseth that the party of the first party agrees to let

...his house room, fuel and food for Sarah and ... ...children at the price of four dollars each a month ... ...and the party of the second part agrees to pay ... ...to the party of the first part four dollars each a ... month for said Lucy and children and the ... party of the second part also agrees to furnish ... ...provisions and clothing for said ... Lucy and Sarah, Eliza, This contract to continue ... ...only so long as the crops are gathered on the ... plantation of the party of the first part. In wit... ...ness whereof we have hereunto set our hands ... ...this not able to write making their marks this ... 7th June 1865

Phoebe her mark +	Emeline +			
Hopkins his +	Richard +			
Tom " +	Little Charity +			Witness
Will " +	Jane +			Lewis E Elder
Abram " +	Rose +			D Hill Dillard
Linton " +	Eliza +			Albert + mark
Charles " +	Washington +			
Albert " +	Lucy +			
Matilda " +	Hannah +			
Sabina " +	Sarah +			
Betty " +		L E Elder		
Peter " +		480		
Charity " +				
Rebecka " +				

Felony contract, Contract with Freedmen.

The State of Alabama This agreement between
Montgomery County } L E Elder of the first part and
Peter, Hopkins, Sarah, Jane, Charity, Rebecca, Sabina,
Betty, and little Charity of the second part witnesseth that the first party grants to said second party and family the use of the following described lands and houses, to wit, Rebecca and Sabina, Betty, Jane, Little Charity and Peter, and Hopkins, Sarah, Jane, Charity and Rebecca and Sabina, Betty, Jane, Little Charity, and Peter, Hopkins, Sarah, Jane, Charity, Rebecca,

second part agrees to pay one and a half dollars a month for each child, each to be bound only for their own children; and this contract to continue with each party of the second part only so long as each remains on the plantation and in the employment of the first party, and each party of the second part agrees to furnish medical attendance and clothing for their children. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our names this 9th June 1865

Witness
Lewis & Felder
D Pruitt Dillon
Albert + Mark

Edmond Brooks +
Sarah " +
Lucia " + (W)
Charity " +
Rebecca " +
Selina " + 480
Bates " +
Little Charity +

Articles of Contract with Freedmen

The State of Alabama } This agreement between
Montgomery County } Lewis & Felder of the first-
part and Isaac Brooks and Sarah his wife of the second
part witnesseth. That the party of the first part
agrees to give to the second party house to live
in, food, clothing and medical attendance ac-
cording to Regulations issued from the Office of
the Freedmens Bureau at Montgomery Alabama
In consideration that the said party will cul-
tivate and at all times mind the first-
party may desire done according to said Re-
gulations, and the party of the first part agrees
also to give to each party of the second part as much
land as he the said party of the second part may
be in a condition as in the opinion of Lewis
Felder to cultivate on said plantation. Said second
parties to work on said plantation Five days in
the week and to attend to such other
duties as may be required of them by the
Superintendent of said plantation. Said second

parties to work from sunrise to sunset. Said first party agrees to furnish said second parties with all the necessary tools for farming purposes. Said second parties agree to be obedient to the orders of the said first party and to work faithfully and diligently. Said first party agrees to pay said second parties for their services the sum of four hundred and eighty dollars for the year 1865 for persons over fifteen years of age and two hundred and forty dollars for persons between the ages of ten and fifteen years of age. Said first party agrees to furnish said second parties with comfortable quarters and to furnish them with wood for fuel. Said first party agrees to furnish said second parties with a sufficient quantity of meal and meat each week. Said second parties agree to be responsible for all damages done to the property of said first party by their carelessness or neglect. Said first party agrees to furnish said second parties with a sufficient quantity of land for a garden. Said second parties agree to cultivate said garden and to keep the fences around the same in good repair. Said first party agrees to furnish said second parties with a sufficient quantity of fuel for their use. Said second parties agree to work on Saturday afternoon of each week for said first party. Said first party agrees to furnish said second parties with a sufficient quantity of corn for seed. Said second parties agree to plant said corn and to cultivate the same. Said first party agrees to furnish said second parties with a sufficient quantity of cotton seed. Said second parties agree to plant said cotton seed and to cultivate the same. Said first party agrees to furnish said second parties with a sufficient quantity of fertilizer. Said second parties agree to use said fertilizer on said cotton. Said first party agrees to furnish said second parties with a sufficient quantity of bagging and rope for picking cotton. Said second parties agree to pick said cotton and to deliver the same at the gin house on said plantation. Said first party agrees to furnish said second parties with a sufficient quantity of cotton bags

said Bill, bind to be governed by the Rules laid down in the order published in reference to Freedmen. This the 9th day of June 1865-

Albert D S Harbin
D S Harbin
Z L Cobern

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D S Harbin } contract with Freedmen

The State of Alabama } Articles of agreement between
Lowndes County } D S Harbin of the first part
and Bob, Lewis Tenney, Ernestine, Billy, Ben
Emmas + Diana, colored Freedmen of the second
part - by the signature of Bob bind themselves to work
for the said D S Harbin for the remainder of the
year 1865 - for one fifth of the growing crop to be
equally divided between them and to observe the rules
laid down in the order in relation to the hiring
of freedmen, and the said D S Harbin of the first
part agrees to furnish them with clothing Rations
Medical attendance to said Freedmen and their
children when required, and to govern the rules
of said order on his part - In case obligations on
part - Witness a division of the small crops of Cotton
Witness } This 9th day of June 1865- D S Harbin
Z L Cobern } Bob + mark

Z L Cobern } contract with Freedmen

The State of Alabama } The undersigned George Cobern
Lowndes County } of the first part and
Peter, Sparta, Adam, Winny, Linda and Eliza
colored freedmen of the second part - through Thomas
agreement agree to work the remainder of the year
1865 for the provisions, clothing and medical at-
tendance and to observe on our part all the
Rules imposed on us in the order in reference
to freedmen, and the said George Cobern agrees
on his part - in consideration of the same

Witness } D S Harbin
Z L Cobern } 494-500

George Cobern
Peters + Mark

D Spigner } Contract with Freedmen

The State of Alabama } The following contract is
Montgomery County } entered into in good faith by
the parties D S Harbin & Henry Spigner

the county and State aforesaid on the first part
and the following named Negroes or Freedmen &
women, viz: John aged 55 years, Peggy 45, Dorcas Anne 15-
Sarah J. Morgan 8, Silver 1, Edmund 18, Linda 12-
Victoria 20, Sarah 5, Nancy 3 years old on the second
part - It is hereby provided and agreed by the
parties of the same part that they will stay with
the former owner Henry Spigner and work for
him as faithfully as they always have done and
be subject to his orders and control as heretofore
- the following conditions to wit: That the party
of the first part is to furnish them the parties
of the second part with sufficiency of food
and clothing, as he now and heretofore done and in
addition thereto he is to give them one tenth part
of the whole crop that shall be made upon the plan-
tation the present year - It is agreed and un-
derstood that this contract is only to apply to the
present year - Signed the day and date above
written his / president of

D S Harbin

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Wm Flagler } contract with Freedmen

Montgomery County } The undersigned
State of Alabama } Freedmen & Laborers
the County of Montgomery State of Alabama do
contract with Wm Flagler County of Montgomery
State of Alabama as per following Engagement and stip
ulations, viz: - That Wm Flagler of the county of
Montgomery State of Alabama, contracts to furnish
the Laborers, stations, the said of clothing & Medical
attention until the 24th day of December 1865 and in ad
dition thereto contracts to give one third of the
corn, fodder, molasses, and potatoes grown upon
the plantation for the year 1865 - On condition and
consideration - 1st - That we contract and labor
faithfully with due diligence during all the said
Engagement until the 24th of Dec 1865 and faithfully
submit to conduct ourselves orderly, soberly and
dutifully - And further we contract to obey strictly

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Orders for prosecution of employer and employee

Articles of contract for the return of all runaways
clothing and medical attention in money or its
equivalent to Wm. Frazier or Duke Chidester as the
circumstances of families respectively require
are liable to labor until the contract for return to
discipline of all poultry and stock in the possession
of him in thirty days from the date of this con-

Abel	+	Sarah	+
Caty	Frazier	Louisa	+
Anthony	+	Rody	+
Frank	+	Jane	+
Arthur	+	Pender	+
Tom	+	Ayy	+
Louis	+	Jane	+
Rose	+	Rebecca	+
Edwards	+	Edmund	+
Charles	+	Laura	+
Madison	+	Lizzy	+
Sally	+	Ellen	+
Wm. Lee	+	Caley	+
Susan	+	Mike	+
Randy	+		
Angeline	+		
Emily	+		

Dillehay & James This contract made this
State of Alabama The following contract is this
Montgomery County day entered into between James
H. Dillehay of the first part and the negroes on
this plantation of the second part. 1st That the said
Dillehay agrees to furnish the said negroes except James Abel
corn Meat Meadow. The stock of mules & horses and all
the plantation utensils such as plows, ploughs &c
that is on hand to finish the present year and
find Bill & give the negroes one fourth of the crop
corn Meat & may be raised on the plantation the negroes
this present Contract. The said negroes do agree &
bind themselves and covenant to the faithful
observance and performance of the following con-
ditions & Regulations for the government of

plantation & perform & transact any & all such business that may be
designated by said Dillehay & to render a true & faithful
account upon the plantation of said Dillehay for
the present year. And will in all conditions submit
all orders given by himself or his superintendent, em-
ployed in that work that he may desire during such
times as is not properly required in the plantation
during of the crop. Further agrees to treat with
proper respect said Dillehay his agent superintend-
ent or otherwise, not to absent ourselves from the
plantation without the knowledge & consent of said
Dillehay or his agent in charge. Not to run with out-
passes. And to return at the time specified &
in a faithful & to comply with & perform each & every of
the above obligations & objects the delinquent to
forfeit & forfeiture of all interest claimed in
this Contract. This one fourth of the corn raised
this year the rent of the said 400 acres of land &
twenty Trinidad among the negroes whose names
hereunto subscribed

Emily	+	Wm	+	Dillehay	Lucy + "
Tilly	+	Silas	"		Scipio + "
King	+	"	Ony	+ "	Lydia + "
Jason	+	"	Hank	+ "	
Miller	+	"	Bennet	+ "	
Bryant	+	"	Lindsey	+ "	538 26 – 564
Anna	+	"	Mary	+ "	
Eliza	+	"	Fannie	+ "	
Indian	+	"	Ned	+ "	
Brandon	+	"	Presley	+ "	
Jane	+	"	Laura	+ "	
Jarrett	+	"	Sarah	+ "	
Anna	+	"	Sally	+ "	

Pritchett & Co. & Contract made this
Contract between Wm. & Pritchett and Randy
Goodman, L. M. & Pritchett to assist in find
and clothe him and pay Doctor's Bill
& Witness

	D. & Brandon	–	564 1 – 565		Henry & Pritchett

Randolph & Bro Contract with Freedmen

Contract between E & B Randolph and the following freedmen Dick, Ned, Daniel, Stephen & Henry & Carter -

State of Alabama } E & B Randolph of the County
Montgomery County } County & State do make the following agreement & Contract with said freedmen who have each an above for the period of three months from the first of June 1865 - E & B Randolph do hereby agree in the presence of said freedmen to give each and the sum of fifty cents per each end of wood cut by each to furnish him or her support during the rest of the articles necessary for such support - Dr Also bilbo - except from one from which E & B Randolph agree to furnish to them the said freedmen.

Witness Thos Bunting } E & B Randolph
D W Hamptin }

Williams Richard } Contract with Freedmen -

I the undersigned do agree to remain at one for Contract with Richard Williams & work for one Rations and clothing & as much land for the remainder of the year with Medical attention & Medicine necessary = Fabius
Sandy
Dorcas

B F Underwood
A L Underwood
R R Underwood

Dallaway L D } Contract with Freedmen

State of Alabama } June 8th 1865 = The following con-
Pike County } tract is this day entered into between L D Dallaway on the one part and the negroes on the Plantation on the other part.

1st That L D Dallaway agrees to furnish the land the stock of mules & horses and all the plantation utensils such as plows, wagons, carts &c. that is on hand to farm & the 2 pair Mules & Jerry Married belonging to Wagons - one fourth of the crop of corn that may be raised on the plantation this year 1865

2nd That the said negroes do agree and they do hereby agree & subscribe to the following rules and to for the government of the plantation

Rules & Regulations

ance and harmony of the plan, that we the undersigned negroes do agree to render good & faithful service upon the plantation of said Dallaway, for the present year and give unconditional obedience to all orders given by him & superintendent, engage in business at the usual hours during such times as is best - properly regulate in the cultivation and gathering of the crops and further agree to treat both, proper respect said Dallaway his wife superintendent - & overseers from the plantation without the knowledge and consent of said Dallaway or his agent in charge not to remain absent & pass, and return at the time specified therein & failure to comply with any one item of the above obligations subjects the delinquent to discharge & forfeiture of all interest claimed in this contract this ingenious the crop raised on the plan and on hand the first of June 1866 - shall be equally divided among the negroes whose names are herein subscribed -

Vadaman + 2 children William + Dallaway
Edmon + Frederic Perthina + " 57 4/6 - 580
Francis + " Lazzie + "

Tapsir Jerry } Contract with Freedmen

Contract made - Union Springs Ala -
This is to certify that an agreement has been made with the colored people living on the plantation of Jerry Tapsir, that they are to remain on his plantation & like the first day of January 1866 work every day in the week, Saturday afternoon & Sunday excepted, for which they are to receive one fifth of all the grain raised on the place - This does not include any of the lint or farming utensils on the place they are to have food furnished & Medical attention in time of -

Edmon Tapsir
Thomas Tapsir - mark -
Dist of Colored People on Plantation
Jonathan A Stamps Sarah A Stamps Delia Roland mark

Collen, Lincoln, Williams, Johnny, Caleb, Rebecca, Charlotte, Sukey, William, Chany, Harrison, Anderson, Dorcas, Fortune, Jane, Tom, Peter, Nancy, Edney, Abraham, Gus, Virginia, Caroline, Mary, Kitty, Printy, Kitty, Adam, Edmund, Aaron, Ginny — 580 35 - 615

Byrne P. A adm.x, contract with Freedmen —

State of Alabama, Contract between P. A Byrne, Montgomery County, Adm.x of estate of A Byrne d. and the Freedmen & Women of said estate —

P. A Byrne of the first part, do agree to give to the Freedmen and Women of the above mentioned Plan Denis & wife Lidia — Dick his wife Nancy & five Children Lewis, Nancy & Ann Frederick, Eliza, one third of the corn and potatoes made on the plantation & Clothes & Medical attendance for this service until the first day of January next — P. A Byrne

Adm.x A Byrne

The undersigned do promise to do good service on the above mentioned plan for the time and wages mentioned —

Witness Denis 615 - 621

Denis and family
Dick " "
Nancy " "
Lewis & Eliza

Byrne P. A, contract with Freedmen —

The Freedmen agree to give Dublin District Atty. P. A Byrne 1/4 clothing, doctors fee, medical attendance for his services until the first day of January next — 621 - 622

I agree to do good service for P. A Byrne for the 1/4 the corn and peas mentioned above —

Witness Dick Short + Dublin + Mark —

Isaacson W. & Co contract with Freedmen —

Bonds, Pedro, Clay, in W. & Mobile and the colored men Dec. 3rd 1865 — Nicholas, Orbit, + Rose, Mary, Harris, Gilbert, David and Eliz + Jenny agree for the term of the crop to make the remainder of the current year on the above plantation, and to comply with the rules and regulations agreed to by the Freedmen of the Island and to pay to Chas & Peter Bonds Mosby Bonds

...Portion with food, clothing and medicine attendance

Witness 622 - 635
S L Kirby —

James, +
Orville, +
Abram, +
Elias, +
Lewis, +

Isaacson W. & Co contract with Freedmen —

Christopher Minus + 635 - 638
Richard Boyd +
Richard Dade +

James & Slater
Peyton A Hall witness

Smith, James B, contract with Freedmen

Bureau of Freedmen Jones, 1865 —

To the Freedmen living this above named contract do hereby bind ourselves to work for the said Smith, James B, for the present crop year, and in consideration therefor agree to take our rights of corn raised on the above mentioned plantation and in the event of any of us leaving the said James B Smith without his permission except by corporal means or just cause, forfeit all right and title to the said crops, and in addition to the above mentioned contract we cause our marks to be appended to this document in the presence of the competent witnesses

Witnesses Henry Cox — James B Smith
W. P Stevens
R S Savage

Thomas, Henry, Nancy, Martin, Rosa, Billy, Josephine, Daughter, Jack & wife, Allen & wife, Sabrina, wife, Caroline, Rosa & wife, Charles, Jason & wife

Charles + wife + Edmond + wife Leggie Charlotte, Rain-
ner + daughter Francis Morton Jackson Isaac Adam
Lydia Daly + wife Ben Jemy Sophia Jenny Cassy
Sally Rachey Ruthy Lewis Silas Dolphus Simpson
wife Eliza Silas Maria Joe Biddy Dennis Jones
[illegible] Contract with Freedmen

State of Alabama } The following contract is this day
Montgomery County } entered into between James M. Dill-
ebray on the first part. And the negroes on his plantation
of the aforesaid part - 1st That L. M. Dillebray agrees to
furnish the land except some 400 acres that is under
the stock of mules + horses + all the plantation tools
needed such as ploughs hoes axes &c that is on hand
to feed clothing goods and pay medical bills & give
the negroes one fourth of the crop of corn that may be
raised on the place this year of 1865 -

And 2d That the said Negroes agree + bind
themselves to agree + labor in the following conditions rules and
regulations for the government of the plantation pecu-
liarly harmony of the place - That we the undersigned negroes
do agree to render good + faithful service upon
the plantation of said Dillebray for the present year -
and yield a ready + unconditional obedience to all orders given
by himself or his superintendent, engage in any work that
he may desire during such times as is not properly
devoted to the cultivation + gathering of the crop
further agree to treat with proper respect said Dillebray
or his agent, superintendent or overseer, not to
absent ourselves from the plantation without the knowl-
edge + consent of said Dillebray or his agent in charge
at the time without a pass + to return at the time
specified therein - a failure to comply with any one
item of the above obligations subjects the delinquent
to discharge + forfeiture of all interest claimed in this
contract. The amount of the crop raised + to be
delivered on the 1st of Jan 1866 shall be equally divided among the re-
spective parties as hereinafter described

Chas Ben + Prince Jo. Rainer Frederick Linda Jenny Kitt
Dennis Municipal Police Office Aug. 4th 1865

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[illegible] Theadora [illegible]
The following is a contract entered into between
Theadora Tilly on our part and the negroes whose
names is subscribed in this instrument, That is
Theadora Kelly agrees to give Francis & Silas this
coming fall - Medical Bills in consideration
of labor until the first of January next. June 7th 65

L Pompey Theadora + Kelly mark
D Sanders

7th-7th

The foregoing contract was correctly read to
negroes whose name is mentioned above and
question asked, are you willing on your part
do what is required of you and take what is set
and you? to which they respectfully answered
Yes.

L W Pompey
K D Sanders -

[illegible] R. D. contract with Freedmen
The following is a contract entered into between
L. R. D. Sanders on one part and the negroes
whose names are subscribed in this instrument
at is, L. R. D. Sanders agrees to pay Dean, Mike
and Ben in case of a crop each, the corn to
be an average acre of one crop, also L. R. D. Sanders
promise to pay Phillis, Mildred, Matilda, Louisa
Ann and Joe a small boy one acre and half of
corn, the corn to be an average of the crops, in addi-
tion to the corn L. R. D. Sanders promise to give
them food clothing fuel and medical attention
in consideration of their labor until Nov first of
January next - January 7th 1865 - R. D. Sanders

Test L K Pompey Willis + mark
A H Harris 7th-7th Dean + "
A D Gourley Phillis + "
Matilda + "
Joe + "

[illegible] R. D. contract with Freedmen
The following is a contract entered into between
R. D. Sanders on the part + the negroes whose names
are subscribed in this instrument - That is I + D

NARA 727

[illegible] agrees to pay Ben & wife & two children Eli Morgan Thomas & Small boy Cass Williams & small Girl and a half acre of corn. Division is to be one-eighth of corn crops, also Merchantable small cha[nge] dozen. Rentin is one old negro woman in addition to the corn. L. A. H. Cowles promises to fu[rnish] clothing, food and Medical Bills, in consideration of this labor to the first of January next—

January 7th 1865.

Test,

G. W. Powney
R. A. Sanders

A. H. Cowles
Ben + mark
Alex +
Mary +
Thos +
William +

Contract with Freedmen

The State of Alabama } Contract made and concluded on this
Macon County } 19th day of June 1865 by and between
T. L. McLemore on the one part and the following named
negroes, to wit, Jacob fifty years, Ellen Thirty five years, Willis
Thirteen years, Bob fifteen, Esther three, Tina seven, Isaac
three, Phebe Thirty five, Jim forteen, Lena Linda, Mat
ten, Daniel eight, Rachel four, Sam five, Mary two month
four, Lou five, Julia three, Chany Thirty six, Lee Thirty Li
eighteen, Henry Thirty eight, Mary Thirty one, Dony eight
Ephraim Thirty three, Silvia sixteen, Viri Thirty, Shirley fo
ten = Edmund forty five, Peggy forty five, Randal eighte
Peter fifty five, Jane Thirty two, Caroline Thirty five, Penny
three, Billy nine months, on the other part witnesseth
that the said party of the first part agrees to work for said T. L. McLemore
this season, to do all necessary work to make the crop
till the 1st of January 1865. faithfully and honestly. And
said T. L. McLemore covenants and agrees to furnish
negroes with good clothes, Medical attention, corn bre
fuel and also to divide among them one fifth of the
corn crop made on said plantation — said contract
made by T. L. McLemore and the other parties in the pre

T. L. McLemore
Mat + Lewis

6/31 7/5

I certify that T. L. McLemore came before me

...agrees the foregoing contract not as a witness
...that the foregoing is the agreement between the par-
...ies June 9th 1865.

Geo. W. Whitman

...Elizabeth + Crowder contract with Freedmen
...following is a contract entered into between G.
...Powney on the one part, and the negroes whose names
...embraced in this instrument; that is L. & Dan-
...agree to pay, Mill Forty bushels of corn, clothing
...and the Medical attention in consideration
...this labor on the 1st January next- this June 9th 1865.

Elizabeth + Crowder
Will + mark

G. K. Powney
A. H. Cowles } 75½-75⅝

The foregoing contract was correctly read to the
negroes in our presence—

G. K. Powney
A. H. Cowles

...and Daughters) Contract with Freedmen
...State of Ala. Articles of agreement between
...Macon County } B. Cloud on the part and the fol-
...lowing named laborers on the other part = Sam
...Dick, Matt, Phillis, Will, Harriett, Melissa
...Emily, Louisa, Crumpsey, Tony & Annie
...in conformity to an order issued from Asst. Supt
...Freedmans Bureau Montgomery Ala. I have this day
...entered into a contract with the above named laborers
...to work on my plantation, that I furnish food
...clothing, houses, Med. attendance, fuel &c. of corn
...the present growing crop.

B. B. Cloud

We certify that above contract was made in
our presence, and the laborers are perfectly satisfied

J. W. Williams
W. A. Haden

75⅝ - 77½

...Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama } Articles of agreement between Mrs
Macon County } Ann Oswalt on the one part and
the following named laborers on the other part. Jack
Caroline Lewis, Sis Tha. A. Adeline Linnetta, Sarah, Mo
Jim, Jennette, Family, Katie, Tobe in conformity to an
order issued from headquarters Freedmans Bureau
Montgomery Ala. a contract entered into

HARA 728

the labor required to work upon my plan
tation upon the following terms. I furnish food
clothing, medical attention and feed and cause
to give them one fourth to 1/10 of the corn and
wheat of the present growing crop.
Witness H L Shuttleworth 77 2/3 - 78 Thos Osmond
L L Shuttleworth.

Contract with Freedmen.

State of Alabama } Memorandum of an agreement
Montgomery County } entered into this third day of
one thousand eight hundred and sixty five between
citizens of the said State & county of the first part and
the freedmen, the former servants of said W. Johnston
the second part, hereby agrees and contracts to pay to
party of the second part a fourth of the crop made on
said plantation except one bag of sugar cane & stock,
Freedmen have no claim on horses, Mules, colts, stock
hogs or poultry, and further to provide each of the
parties rations, groceries, feed, clothing and medical
tendance, necessary for the time they may be employed
by the said party of the first part = The parties of the
second part agree and contract in consideration of the
fourth part of the crop with the exceptions above named
Rations, groceries, feed, clothing and medical attendance
to be paid and furnished by the party of the first part
to continue in his employ and perform such work
as is necessary to crop the said plantation in a
and skillful manner, this contract to be binding
until the present crop is gathered = Witness our hands
this day and year first above mentioned

William Johnston

Signed in presence of

	Payne + mark		Pleasant + mark
Wm L Hall	Robert + "		Nancy + "
	Henry + "		Henning +
	Sarah + "		Wm +
	Eliza + "		
	William + "		
	Cohen + "		
	Catharine + "		

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and the said party of the second part agrees to give to the second party seventy bushels of corn, meat, food, medical attendance and clothing according to Regulations issued from the office of the Freedmens Bureau at Montgomery Ala. until the crops contracted upon this land are all gathered in consideration that the second party shall labor on or about said plantation according to said Regulations until said crops are all gathered when the first party agrees to give to the second party one fourth of the corn meat, sorghum, and potatoes gathered by the second party from said plantation during said year. And when the said crops are all gathered the party of the second part agrees with the said party of the first part to divide the fourth part among themselves according to their respective families and in case they cannot agree to divide in such manner then the second party agrees to submit to such division as may be made by disinterested persons to divide the said fourth part among themselves according to their respective families that is according to ability and the manner they have each worked = In witness whereof we have hereunto set our names this 3d June 1865

Witness	Lem + mark	Aranda +	
J Tilden	Robert + "	Anna +	79 8/14 812
Wm Dillard	Henry + "	Josiah +	
	Nancy + "	Eliza +	
R Bachman	Dora + "	Patty +	
	Gloria + "	Josiah +	
	Leah + "	Lute +	

Contract with Freedmen

State of Alabama } This indenture made and
entered into this 3d day of June
Montgomery County } entered into this 3d day of June
one thousand eight hundred and sixty five between
citizens of the said State & County of the first part and
the freedmen, the former servants of said W. Johnston
the second part, hereby agrees and contracts to pay to
party of the second part a fourth of the crop made on
said plantation except one bag of sugar cane & stock,
Freedmen have no claim on horses, Mules, colts, stock
hogs or poultry, and further to provide each of the
parties rations, groceries, feed, clothing and medical
tendance, necessary for the time they may be employed
by the said party of the first part = The parties of the
second part agree and contract in consideration of the
fourth part of the crop with the exceptions above named
Rations, groceries, feed, clothing and medical attendance
to be paid and furnished by the party of the first part
to continue in his employ and perform such work
as is necessary to crop the said plantation in a
and skillful manner, this contract to be binding
until the present crop is gathered = Witness our hands
this day and year first above mentioned

the said E & G Hubbell has this day employed the said Anthony to work for the term of one year from the date hereof for the sum of ten dollars per month with food clothing house, Medical attendance & found

The said E & G Hubbell agrees to pay the wages aforesaid as herein according to Regulations viz: one half of wages earned paid 1st of August 1/2 to be paid 1st of October and the whole wages to be paid 1st January next

The said Anthony agrees to work diligently and faithfully and to take good care of the stock that he is employed to drive, and not to ride away his time, or to absent himself from labor without the consent of the said E & G Hubbell. said Anthony agrees that if he abandons the employment of the said E & G Hubbell before the 1st of Dec" next. the wages that may be due him shall be forfeited all of which is agreed to - 812 1/2 - 813

E & G Hubbell =

Anthony A (his) contract with Freedman

State of Alabama } Contract entered into this 12th day of
Mont" County } October A D 1865 between A L Moore & Jerry
Moore. the said A (his) Jerry agrees to find as he has received from said A L Moore a good mule & plough & all attention to said Moore & give him yearly four bushels corn & the said Jerry binds himself to do a days service & do any kind of work as he may be put to by the orders of the said Moore during the year 1866 =

Witness H A Middleton
his
Jerry Moore
mark

813 1/2 - 814 Jerry + Moore A L Moore

State of Ala } Contract entered into this 12th day of
Mont" County } 1865 between A L Moore & Luke
Freedman of said A L Moore agrees to find as he has received from said Moore a suit of clothes & medical attention to said Luke & his family & give him corn, Luke binds himself & family to do a days service on the plantation work as he may be put to by the orders of said A L Moore during the year

H A Middleton 814 - 816 Luke + Moore

State of Alabama Contract entered into this 12th Day
Marengo" County } this - made & Entered into by & between A L Moore
& Ella, Ellen & Rody freedwomen. Said A L Moore agrees
to find & furnish them Rations, Clothing & Medical Attention
& the said Savannah, Lilla, Ellen, Rody & one child
the said A L Moore further agrees to give to the
said Savannah Twelve bushels Corn, Lilla Ten
Ellen Eight Rody Ten, & the said laborers to
remain on the Plantation & be subject to the orders
of said A L Moore Until 25th Dec" 1865 -
In presence
of James M Dean
George W Friar

816½-820 Savannah + Mark
Lilla + "
Ellen + "
Rody + "

State of Alabama Contract entered into & Entered into by & between A L Moore & Henry &
Marengo" County } Stephen Friedman & Rose a freedwoman, the said
A L Moore agrees to find as heretofore furnish one
suit of Clothes, one pr Shoes, & Medical Attention
to each, & the said A L Moore agrees to give
twenty fifty bushels Corn. Stephen five bushels
Corn, Rody Twelve, & the said Henry
Stephen & Rose & family Thereafter to remain on
the plantation & be subject to the orders of said A
L Moore Until 25th Dec" 1865 = Henry = Mark
Signed in
presence of = J M Dean
G W Friar

820½-822 Stephen + "
Rose + "
A L Moore

State of Ala Contract entered into between A L
Marengo" County } Moore & Irene a freedwoman, said
A L Moore agrees to find as heretofore, give
her & her children & her family & one suit of clothes each
& Medical attention to Irene her wife Linda & her
children & give Irene Ten bushels Corn. The said
Linda himself & family to remain on the plan-
tation & be subject to the orders of the
said A L Moore Until 25th Dec 1865 -
Test J M Dean

822½-824 Irene + Mark

State of Alabama, Contract entered into this 4th
Monto County } June 1865 between A L Moore
& State freedman, said A L Moore agrees to furn
ish his family one suit clothes each & medical attend
ance & 3 pr shoes to said A L Moore & wife & three children
Rich bride himself & wife to remain on the plan
tation, work & be subject to the orders of said A L
Moore until 25th Dec 1865 = 824 Rich + mark
attest James M Dean 824-825 A L Moore

State of Alabama Contract entered into this 4th
Monto County } June 1865 between A L Moore
& Ishmael a freedman said Moore agrees to furn
ish him & family one suit of clothes each & medi
cal attention & 3 prs shoes to said Ishmael his wife & three
children & the said A L Moore agrees to give
said Ishmael one & 1/2 bushels corn & said Ish
mael binds himself & wife to work & be subject to
plantation work & be subject to the orders of
A L Moore until 25th Dec 1865 Ishmael + mark
attest James M Dean 825-826 A L Moore

State of Alabama. Contract entered into on this
Monto County } 4th June 1865 between A L M
& Willis a freedman, said A L Moore agrees to furn
ish him & family one suit of clothes each & one
pr shoes, each for Willis & wife Lizzy & furnish
Medical attention to said Willis wife & children &
give him yearly five bushels corn, the said
Willis binds himself & wife to work & be subject to
the orders of said Moore until 25th Dec 1865
Witness L McDean 826-827 Willis + mark
G McFinn } A L Moore

McCall L P, contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama L. L P McCall of the State & County
Monto County } aforesaid agrees to give the fol-
lowing named colored persons who are on my
plantation for the ensuing year of all work & farming crops of corn &
cotton & also agrees to give all that are
[illegible] Government of clothing & cot-

...nish Lawyer & Medical Attention. She labours a...
...ee to work faithfully every day (Saturday after...
...noon and Sunday Excepted) for the year 2nd "Eden" 1865
Bill of Which Contract is agreed to.
Witness of 827/38-865 L L P McCall
Lafayette & Dan. Billy. Duncan. Eden. Emma
Lilly. Nancy. Norrod. Louisa. Henry. Patsy. Dolly. Em...
ilia. Norrod, Reuben. Thomas. Evan. Alexander Lafa...
yette. Albert Jackson. Sarah. Charles. Paris. Amanda...
dress. Lilly Adam. Kitty. Catherine Ann. Hester. Clari...
a. Becca. Sam. Isaiah. Etc - fifteen of the above...
named ... are not more than half Hands.
Eden (W L) Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama We the undersigned agree with...
Lowndes County & W L Bledsoe to Contribute our Ser...
vices, Plantation, and Work and gather the Crops on Said...
Eden for one fourth of every thing that is gathered...
and Sold. Said W L Bledsoe Consideration...
is discharged from said Bledsoe - said Bled...
soe to find clothes and pay Medical Bills -
Ages & Names
White 1 Child 2 Children Names & Mark
R. K. Allen 1 Child, 1 " Names + " 865
Clara Lucky + " 1-872
W L Bledsoe Lawrence + "
Eden Eliz"th (W L) Contract with Freedmen
State of Ala. } Contract or Contract entered into...
Lowndes County } Elizabeth & Harris agrees...
to Labour & Plantation Work & Attend to the business of Said...
Bledsoe & to Work & Attend & Labour for Said & gather the...
Crops of Corn Cotton & Peas & Labour for Said & gather the...
Crops of Corn Cotton, one per of Peas, one per Rice, same...
to be done with fair play ... to Labour & if he gets sick...
Medical Attendance for his Labour made This 25th of...
Dec" 1865 Also his provisions for the time he works...
Eden Wm Moore 872-873 Elizabeth & Hollis
Names + mark
Rose +
Eden (W L) Contract with Freedmen
State of Ala" Be it known to all whom it may con...
cern that I Wm Thaddeus of the County and State...
aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of...

Articles of Agreement made this the undersigned have this day entered into the following agreement: I, W. A. Hodges of the first part, propose to furnish Farm at Lapine Farm and to furnish clothing, furnish feed, care and medicine Bills for same, and to furnish Implements, and give one third of the Corn and fodder made upon said farm to the Colored persons Nat Green, Jane and Nancy who mutually agree to work faithfully at least 9 1/2 days in each week, and take care of the stock and perform all the customary labor, remain upon said farm until the 25th of Dec 1876 - failing to comply the second party to forfeit one third of the corn and fodder -

Witness 1876

T. W. Williams 873-876

W. A. Hodges
Nat Green + his mark
Jane + "
Nancy + "

Agreement Farmin.) Contract-Written Freedmen
An agreement of writing between Farmin & Young and Nancy a Colored woman, Farmin & Young promise to Nancy five bushels corn, one of Cotton one bar + pair and some Molasses, provisions, clothing and Medical Bill for year 1876; also his wife Nancy + 4 children their food, clothing medicine attendance, and do as well as I am able by them to them perfectly satisfied and I am willing to do all I can for them

Witness Jan Burke (

Farmin & Young
Harry + his mark

Ky Reitmond.) Contract-with Freedmen
State of Arkansas } I, M Reitmond Clerk of the Circuit Court in and for said County hereby engage with the following named freedmen, Francis Blair, Crines Logan - Dick Lucas, Rumford, Richard Pankid Patrick Kelly, Lezick, Elain Louis, Laura Thomas, Harriet - Caroline - to labor for me in the year 1876 under the rules and regulations prescribed by the Freedmen Bureau and for such I agree to pay them one third of the corn Cotton they make, I am to furnish them with all necessary

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Plan as formerly - This contract to remain in
force till 1st of Dec" 1865
Witness L Sherrard A McKeithen

We the undersigned Freedmen do hereby a-
gree with said Alex McKeithen to labor on his
lands as formerly, under the rules prescribed by
the Freedmen's Bureau and for such compensa-
tion as to receive 1/10 one tenth of the present growing
crop. to remain in force till 1st Dec" 1865 -

Morris + Willis +
Blair + Patrick +
Charles + Sallie +
Dick + Rezekiah +
Larry + Elsie +
Peter + Laura +
Harford + Emma +
Richard + Frances +
Simon + Fanny +
Silas + Ellen +
Harriett +

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Bonnie & Wm contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama } I Wm Bonnie of the Wilcox County afore-
Wilcox County } said hereby employ the following col-
ored persons to work on my plantation till 25th Dec" 1865 -
according to labor Regulations published in Mobile Regis-
ter of the 25th May last - by Wm Cumming General Superin-
tendent of Freedmen, Ralph, Dorcas, Charlotte, Lucinda, Charley,
Sam, Alfred, Patsy, Susan, Jake, Thomas, & obligate myself
to give each first-class hand for their labor & when the
crop is gathered, one 14th part of the 5th part of all that
may be made on the plantation this year, and
second and third class hands in the same proportion,
I also give them food, clothing, medical attention
and fuel, also to the following persons and children
viz Savannah, Hank, Randy, Cully, Sally, Mary, Sal-
ley, Tom, Lee, Gabe, Flonda, Isaac and Caroline also
to hand Bruce a bay quil in addition to his
during 3/5 month, and the colored people agree to
work faithfully and submit to the laws of the

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Regulations they have been governed by heretofore
& so far as they can in accordance with the Regulations

M B Boykin — L W Burkes

Burkes Lewis 1861 Contract with Friedman
dated 1865 - It is the understanding of the parties to the
Green County & for Lewis M Burkes for one eight of
the crop + Moses + Williams + Elizabeth & children + 12 2 12

I & L Schneider

Whatley L. Contract with Freedmen -
Whereby L. agrees to furnish the former owners of Shem
Lem Peter Franky colored Men and Lucky Sarah
Grace Harriet Dolly Fanny and Becky colored
Women and Children & to be responsible for their
food clothing Doctors & Doctors bills until 1st day
of Jan 1866 - 826 4—830 L Whatley
Witness L. H Hobbs

Bird Lewis Contract with Freedmen
State of Ala The following is a contract entered
Greene Co into between John Bird on the
first part and Lewis Negroes Adam Manna Cain Lem
Green in this instrument, That-pa L. John Bird
agrees to pay Wills Lewis & Amanda his wife and
Adam Cain Lem 20 bushels corn, clothing, feed, fuel
and all Medical attention that-is necessary for
and in consideration of their labor until 1st Jan
of Jan" Lewis 1866 - 830 2—832 John Bird
Witness H E Hobbs will to
A D Jones Lewis "

The foregoing Contract was correctly read to the
Negroes Adam Manna Lem Lewis Amanda and
that question asked are they willing and they answered
they are - H E Hobbs
A D Jones

Fielder R Coats Contract with Freedmen
State of Ala" This agreement between L S Fielder
Mich" Co & R. F & Co Fielder party of the 1st" & the 2nd"
party Witnesseth that-the said party of the 2nd" agrees
to work Elizabeth Dennis Winnie Lucy Ellen
Chandler Ruben Allen Pinder Evelin

Sophia. Davis. Bulva. Williams of the second part-
the Stw. year A.D. witnesseth. That the first party a-
greed to give to the second party houses to live in
and food. Medical attention + Clothing according to
regulations issued from the Bureau of the Freedmen
Bureau at Montgomery Alabama, until the crops plan-
ted on the lands of the est of R Fields are all gath-
ered, in consideration that the parties of the se-
cond part will labor on or about said plantation
according to said regulations until the crops are
all gathered, When the first party agrees to give
to the second parties one fourth of the crops of corn
sugar cane, potatoes; cotton to be attended by second
party from said plantation during said year. and
from the said crops are gathered the parties of the
second part agree with each other to divide the
said one fourth part among themselves according to
law, in case they cannot agree in such division
the second parties to choose three disinterested
persons to divide said one fourth part. In
witness whereof. We have hereunto set our hands
and seals, the day and year above written

Jake + mark	Allen + mark	Flora + "	
Bob + "	Charlotte + "	L S Fields + 2nd "	
Eliza + "	Rena + "	A C Fields + 2nd "	
Margaret + "	Evaline + "		
Elizabeth + "	Sophia + "	Witness	
Dennis + "	Susan + "	Dennis & Fields	
[illegible] + "	Rilma + "	L R Baldwin	
Ozzy + "	William + "	9 2 9 5	
Isabella + "	Monroe + "		
Aaron + "	Teresa + "		

State of Ala. Dallas County. I W. H. Craft a Notary Public in and for said County in said State hereby certify that Jake Allen Bob Charlotte Eliza Rena Margaret Evaline Elizabeth Sophia Dennis Susan [illegible] Rilma Ozzy William Isabella Monroe Aaron Teresa whose names are signed to the foregoing contract and who are known to me acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of the same they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date. Given under my hand this 5th day of Jan 1867

W. H. Craft N.P.

State of Ala. Dallas County. I W. H. Craft a Notary Public in and for said County in said State hereby certify that Flora Fields L S Fields by A C Fields whose names are signed to the foregoing contract and who are known to me acknowledged before me on this day that being informed of the contents of the same they executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date. Given under my hand this 5th day of Jan 1867

W. H. Craft N.P.

State of Ala. Dallas County. I W. H. Craft a Notary Public in and for said County in said State hereby certify that Jno. Wm. Craft and R. G. Lockridge executors of the estate of R. F. Craft dec'd do hereby consent that the said estate be sold by the hands of R. G. Lockridge Gen. Wilson County Court Dallas County only Ten Months and Twenty Days from this date and also that all the

Hawkins with the exception of his monthly allowance which was equally distributed among the negroes - one also represented there as in said place 98 negroes 48 laborers, 5 disqualified by age, 45 under twelve years of age, 8 transferred in consideration of the desire of the negroes formally belonging to said estate to remain with their families on the place and the necessity to carry on the plantation and the great- dexterity his numerous, do agree with Baker Chenis & 4 children, Bill Martin & 5 children, George Lane & 3 children, Charlie & children, Miles & 4 children, Lewis 2 Preem & 2 children, Jordan Long & 2 children, Dick Ezra & 4 children, Wash Lennit & 1 child, Lewis & 2 children, Richard Rachael, Isaac Lilly & 1 child Ann and 3 children, John Hamilton & 8 children, Jim Lilly & 1 child, Dennis & 1 child Bryt-o 1 child Hester 1 child Wiley, Easter, Alick, Emeline, Capel, Sally, Levi Bandy, Adam, Ivy, Mary Betty Daniel, Brown, Henry, Obe- Jim, Joe, Fred, Pat-in consideration of a faithful- discharge of all duties incident to a successful operation of a plantation, he will feed, clothe, give houses, food & medical attendance to them and their children also bring to the support of them Corn crops deducting from Net proceeds necessary to necessary to support- them children, also detailed account of lands to cultivate, direct management and protection in raising - Cotton and such other products as they legislature may direct and the possession for Rules of labor legislations to be passed during this contract to continue until the 1st January 1866-

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Be it known. That on this ninth day of November
A.D. 1865 before me personally came
State of Louisiana
Parish of Orleans
City
A. L. Russell on the first part and
Henry Betty, Emily & Louisa free men of color
all of the City of New Orleans of the second part
who declare that whereas the said parties of the first part
have this day entered into a contract for the year
1866 before the Clerk of this Court

agrees to furnish him food, clothing, house-room and all the necessary Medical attendance, and to accord him all the Privileges and Rights he has heretofore enjoyed. Celas & Betsy. Emily & Gemma portion of the second part agree to labor faithfully for the balance of the year, for consideration of which the party of the first part agrees to furnish food, clothing, House-room and all the necessary medical attendance.

In Witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and Seals this 9 of June 1865.

100 ac @ 100

Harry + his
Betsy + "
Emily + "
A J Brasel Witness

Wm Buckley
Ord

Contract with Freedmen.

The State of Alabama } Thos R Baldwin and
Montgomery County } Eugene } Freedmen

Whereas Thos R Baldwin has rented to the said Eugene a house to live in, food, clothing and medical attendance and as much patch ground to cultivate as they may think proper for his own use, for which the said Eugene is to labor for the said Baldwin, in consideration that said Eugene will labor on his plantation about all such work as he may desire according to Regulations required of freedmen by an act of Montgomery County, and subject to continue until the Crop is laid by, and gather this present year 1865.

Witness J R Tatum 1866 1-10
L L Baldwin ?

Eugene + Mark
T R Baldwin

Baldwin T R, Contract with Freedmen

State of Alabama } Articles of the first part, and Freedmen
County } Dated June 9th 1865 between Thos R Baldwin party of the first part, and Harriet, Celas, Betsy, Emily, Gemma, and Harriet of the second part witnesseth, That the party of the first part agrees to furnish house-room, food, and food for children of the party of the second part, Celas, Betsy, Emily, Gemma and Harriet according to Regulations required from the party of the first part by an act of Montgomery County, in consideration that the party of the second part agree to pay 1/2 dollars a month for each of them

This Indenture, made to be known only for this time
Indenture, Made & This Contract to Continue in the Service
Party of the Second Part only to keep as a Servant
and to Faithfully and Diligently Employment of the
Said Party and Each Party of the Second Part a-
gains to Furnish Medical Attendance and Nec-
essaries - In Witness whereof the Said Parties
have Hereunto Set their Hands & Seals
Dated This 6th June 1865 =

Witness Lewis G Fuller — Dennis Dillon
" R V Baldwin — Kate + " Mark

R V Baldwin Ind. W. L. Contract with Freedman
State of California } Indenture of Apprenticeship
Merced " County } Furnish House Expenses Food
Food Bed Clothing for Nancy, Sally, Lucy, Lucy
Jane Wm In consideration Part This Children agree
Apprentice Service as an Servant to Learn Trade
Japanese Each for This Part Medical Attendance
This Contract to Continue until the Corps Arrive at
Age thereof Signed & Dated 1865.

Witness — Dennis + Dillon
" R V Baldwin — Kate + " Mark
Nancy + " Agnes + "
Sally + " Sarah + " 11 1/2 "
Lucy + " Patsy + "
Lucy Jane + " Clarissa + "
Wm + " Linah + "

R V Baldwin Ind. W. L. Contract with Freedmen
State of Calaveras } The following is a Contract Indenture
Calaveras Co } Entered into between W L Baldwin on the
First Part and the Negroes whose names are Subscribed
to in this Instrument. That is I W L Baldwin agree
to pay Frank, Jefferey Thomas County for Indenture
of Service and I promise to pay said Thomas County
Dollars County of Parties for Jefferey Thomas Lucy
Thomas to furnish Board Clothing, Medicine free, during the
Term of Service Indenture Commencing 1865. I W L Baldwin
Witness J. F. Linda — Frank 16 1/2 - 10 - 0
H Gerber — Lilbright Jefferey +

Geo Wylliams R, Contract with Freedmen

The State of Alabama Articles of Agreement this
Lowndes County } Entered into William R May of
the first part, and Tom, Eliza Ritta, Nancy, Tommy,
Simon, Mary & Henry F Adams Colored freedmen
of the second part, witnesseth: That the said parties of
the second part obligate themselves to work the
balance of the year 1866 on the plantation of the
said Wm R May for and in consideration of the
use and of the present growing crop except the
Potatoes and Sorghum which they further obligate
themselves to be governed by the Rules and Reg-
ulations in the order issued in reference to the
Bureau of Freedmen, And the party of the first part
agrees to furnish the parties of the second part with
Mining, Rations, Houseroom and Medical attend-
ance when necessary to them and their fam-
ilies and further obligate themselves to be governed
by the Rules laid down in the Bureau Contract
witness our hands and affix our signatures this
9th day of June 1866 — Wm R May 1029-1029
Witness Jno H Bargain — Simon + Mark
Witness to Mark Cochran — Freedmen

This Contract Signed & entered into this the 9th day
June A D 1866 between John L Wilson of the first party
Henry C. Caldwell of the County & State aforesaid
of the second part Witnesseth
That the said Henry has hired himself to the
said Wilson for the balance of the year at the
rate of seven & half dollars per Month, food & clothing
Medical attendance included. The said Henry
promises all lost time from sickness or
disagreeable & to obey good faithful Servic 1030
H C Caldwell
L E Henry } Henry C Caldwell
John L Wilson
Henry C Caldwell contracts with the Freedmen
State of Alabama agreement between John L Henry
Co Henry Ch & Alexander colored Stock a fund
now formerly belonging to Grace L Henry and
used by the said Stock agent to make

per day in Summer and nine hours in winter for
John K. Henry until Christmas next at his usual
business about the house, on the farm & cutting and
hauling wood & other work. Provided he is to have
one half of such Saturday & the whole of each Sunday
& Night & also of Necessity about the premises, such as
feeding & watering the stock, and in default of the
working faithfully the said Alex agrees to be dis-
charged & forfeit all rights under this contract - and
the said John K Henry for such services agrees to
give said Alex a suit of Sunday clothes & let him
have such room as he may have in house to board
and Wood for Saturday. And give him wood off his land
& to find clothes his own washing & spare & furnish
him house room & fuel - pay all Physicians & Medicine
Bills - In witness whereof we have hereunto set our
hands this the 5th day of January 1866.

Witness John T Milner — John K Henry
Lyon Pendent - } Alexander + mark
Lucky Dawson

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The State of Alabama } This agreement entered into
Montgomery County } between Dawson Locke of the
first part and the following freedmen, viz Reed
Smith an order issued by Genl Smith in relation to
training freedmen. The said Dawson Locke agrees
on his part to hire Jefferson Locke & family from
the fifth day of January until the twenty fifth day of
December 1866 at the amount of Thirty five Bush-
els of Corn to be paid when the same is gathered
I also agree to furnish said Jefferson Locke and
his family, food, clothing and medical attendance
I also agree to hire Lucinda & family from this
date until the 25th of Dec" next for her food clothing
& Medical attendance including her family consisting
of four children, said freedmen do agree on their
part to work & discharge all their duties as they
may be directed from time to time by their Employer
& to account for all Property lost or damaged by him or
them when called on. In witness whereof we have

instead) as hereinbefore, and in all cases where any of them refuses to comply it shall be deemed sufficient cause to dismiss him or them from employment without pay if found or proved to be guilty of same in Chairmans Docket - I also give Wages, and for Clothes, food & Medical Attention, and the said parties bound to serve me duly & faithfully & comply with the above Contract, and a failure to do so will be deemed sufficient cause for our dismissal -

Witness
Wm Lusby
J W Burnett

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Susan Lusk
Jefferson + Mark
Freedmen

"Freedmen) Contract with "Freedmen

Contract entered into between I Strum of Caldwell Co & the boy Lewis formerly the property of Mr. Verday Horrold as follows - I Strum agrees to find Clothes, furnish Medical Attention & pay the said Lewis fifty dollars for one years labor -

June 16/65

Test E Henderson

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Lewis
Freedmen Mark

Shipley O.P., Contract with Freedmen -

Indenture - This Indenture of agreement - Made & entered into this 16th day of June 1865 - Witnesseth, that I O P Shipley this day contracted with Mary a freedwoman of Color formerly owned by me to remain with me, and work - me until the first day of January next for her food, clothing, fuel, & Medical Attention during three young Children. The oldest five years of age, it is also understood that I am to find all the necessary food & Medical attention to said Children during said Specified time - O P Shipley

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Witness W A Thompson
A W McCann

Mary + Mark

Washington Co. P.O., Contract with Freedmen -

State of Ala - This indenture Made and entered into this 16th day of June 1865 between Peter Washington of the County and State aforesaid of the first part and Peter Bradford

Agreement on behalf of Israel and her four Children viz: Adam. Julia Louisa. and Washington Minors of 11th
Juniata the age of eight years. and Martha in
behalf of Isabel & Esther her Three Children Minors
Juniata the age of eight years viz: Emiline Louisa and
Josephine Three persons of Color formerly slaves of
Wm L. Pickering late of the County
and State of the second part witnesseth, That the
said parties of the first and second parts have
agreed as follows, viz: 1st That the parties of the se-
cond part have agreed to serve said party of the
first part faithfully and industriously as house-
hold Cabin or field plantation in the County
of Pontotoc for and during the remainder of the
year. & obey all of his first and lawful commands
touching the business Agencies of them. and the
parties of the first part in consideration of the
premises agree to furnish food, clothing medi-
cal attendance and lodging in sickness and
additions thereto in the premises and agree
to give or deliver to Peter one of the said parties of the
second part. Twenty five bushels of corn on or
before the 1st of January 1866. and to Grant the
parties of the second part reasonable and furnish
them with the quantity of land together with im-
and Animals for private cultivation as is required
by regulations of the Superintendent of Freedmen -
In Testimony whereof. We have set our hands and
affixed our seals the day and year above mit-
ten.

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In presence of
John W Ray
James E Simmons

I R Worthington
Peter + mark
Bedford + "
Martha + "
Dabney + "
Peny + "

Dabney M H A. consent with freedmen
of Alabama In compliance with the order
the County & Gen. Smith liberating the slaves
from this day agreed to hire my former

...ing for the present year, they are to have the tenth ...
...of the Corn and Potatoes. it is to be divided Accord...
...ing to Class of freedmen. & further agreed to feed ...
...the Team & give Medical aid if Necessary as ...
...aforesaid, that number of employees Team & Groom...
...one Man. they agree on their part to comply with ...
...my former Rules of governing. and do Reasonable ...
...labor. Provided they are deficient in this respect ...
...it will be considered a sufficient cause to Turn ...
...them off & Report - Witness to their Mks ...
S Lesley + Alabama + W H H Dickey
Penney + A F Hopping witness

State of Alabama } This Indenture of writing
Dallas County } witnesseth that I W D Whitsitt ...
...have this day agreed with the following named freed...
...men. to wit; Sam. Clay. Hannah. & Jack to work ...
...the Plantation of said W. D Whitsitt. perform...
...ing whatever orders the said W. D. Whitsitt or ...
...his Agent to do. And the 1st of January 1867 upon ...
...the following terms. viz: that the said W D ...
...Whitsitt is to clothe. feed. furnish fuel & pay ...
...medical bills, and then give them one tenth of ...
...the Corn raised on the Plantation of the said W D ...
...Whitsitt for the year 1867 to be equally divided ...
...among the above named freedmen according to ...
...their - In Witness Whereof. the parties hereunto ...
...have hereunto set their hands & Seals this ...
10 4/4 - 1045
W D Whitsitt
...Sunday certify that the above named freedm...
...have signed their names or Marks on this ...
...mile. and accord = L & M Mile
L & Heslet

Bentley Levicy, Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama } It is agreed between Mac Levicy ...
...Dallas County } Ivey Bentley this employer and ...
...Ivey & Labor. that Ivey Bentley is to give Mac Levicy ...
Ivey Bentley and labor for his natural born of Christian ...
...his heirs dissatisfied. Mac L Bentley is to make

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-2 years of age. Nancy is a woman having no fo-
-ild. She is about 40 years of age. and desires to
-ay with Mrs Lenky Bentley. She appears benev-
-nd, and binds herself by these contract to remain
-bor or do such business as Mrs Bentley may
-quire of her. Mrs Bentley binds to keep Nancy
-ding as both are satisfied. and clothe, feed &
-furnish her medical aid, food, and such other
-necessaries as she may deem proper. She agrees to
-l. Nancy remain with her long and do good port
-ress agrees to & agrees to 4 Lewis, Bentley
-in presence of 1045 1-10 Nancy + Mark
O C Bentley
R L Mann
W L Bentley

Brid & P, contract with Hudson.
State of Ala. The following is a contract e
Lowndes County } tered into between A P Brid
-in the pt, and the negro whose names are
-endorsed on this instrument. That L & P Brid
-agree to pay Larkins one 1st of the corn &
-one third of the potatoes that is made on the pl
-where he works. feed and clothe & pay Doc Bill
-for his time and labor until the first of January
-next this June 6th 1865. A P B
Witness. A H Hinds 1047 Larkin + Mark.
W L Brid

The foregoing contract was carefully read to the
negro whose name is mentioned above and the
question asked are you willing to go your part to do
what is required of you and take what is allowed
you which he respectfully answered he was.
A H Hinds
W D Brid

Malone } John I, contract with Hudson
This contract certifies that John I Malone
-ey agrees to take January Malone colored boy
-engeance Watkins deed. for him & clothe him
& Wife during Pleasure of the Said

-n dollar for the first six & two dollars for the last
-is months together with food, clothing & medicine
-ssary to heal & spell. 1048 John I Malone
Est-Eliz Wm Calvert. Irving & Upton
Brid & P, contract with Hudson
State of Ala. Contract entered into between A P
Lowndes Ct. } Brid on the one part, and the
-negroes hereinafter named in this instrument. That A
P Brid agrees to pay Nancy twenty bushels corn
Sally & her children thirty bushels corn, one half
Peas Millet & that is made on the place, and one
-th of the cotton that is made on the place, find
-her food and all medical attention, in consid
-ation of their labor to the first of January next.
Witness. A H Hinds
L P Richardson } 1050 A P Brid
Nancy + Mark.
Sally + "

Bentley John I, contract with Hudson
This contract made and entered into this the
-th day of June A D 1865 between John I Mal-
-ne party of the first part & Bentley Esther of the
-second part witnesseth. That the said Bentley has
-this day hired herself for the period of three months
-from dollars per month. Board, clothing, medical
-attendance. the said party of the second part being
-sick time from sickness or otherwise.
Enoch E McKee 1051 John I Malone
B A Jeffords Bentley + Mark.

Bentley L & I contract with Hudson
State of Alabama This indenture made and en-
-tered into Conty } tered into on the 13th June 1865
-between L & I Bentley of the first part of the county &
State aforesaid, and Wyatt & his wife Phoebe &
children all under 12 years of age. Claiborne &
his wife Rose with 4 children under 10 years of
age. Cary - Henry - grand parents of color formerly
slaves of the said L & I Bentley of the county & State afore-
-said of the second part witnesseth that the said
-parties of the first part for & in consideration

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first-part of the second part agrees to furnish
Family of the first-part faithfully and diligently
as house servants and on his Plantation in Conta
ga and to obey all of his just and lawful Commands
touching their duties as Servants as aforesaid for
and during the Remainder of the year. And the said
Party of the first-part in consideration of which a
gainst to furnish said Party of the second part with
food. Clothing and Medical attention and in ad
dition thereto to one tenth of all the crops that are
and shall be made upon the said Plantation during
the present year. as soon as the same shall be all
be gathered. Also in addition to the crop to give the
one tenth of the Pork slaughtered upon the Plantation
and to treat them humanely. also agrees to furnish
Peronneid a free person of Color formerly a Slave of
McCary with 3 Chickens and to find, clothing and
Medicide attention when sick also a house to live
in during the Remainder of the present year. In
Testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and
affixed our Seals the day and year above written.

L L Motley
Witness
W W Grandmison
W L Golsan

Elizor + Peronneid
her
mark

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Wyatt + Mack
Clarke + "
Henry + "
Nance + "
Chorily + "

This is to Certify that on this day entered into a contract
and agreement by and between Myself and Elizor
a free person of Color formerly a Slave of Lewis L
Motley of the County of Autauga State of Alabama
by Article 1st L Motley of the first-part agrees to fur
with said party of the second part with food
thing. fuel + Medical attendance when necessa
and a house to live in when sick or otherwise
during the Remainder of the year and to treat
humanely. and said Elizor party of the second pa
agrees to the said party of the first part faithfu
and

during the remainder of the year. to obey all of his
just and lawful orders and Commands touching
her duties as Servant as aforesaid. In witness
whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed
our Seals on the day and year above written.

L L Motley
Elizor + Peronneid
her
mark

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This is to Certify that we have examined and
sustained the above named Free person of Color
and they ratified the above Contract.

L A Golsan
D Merrill

Be it known that I D Merrill a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Autauga and State of Alabama do hereby certify that on this 9th day of January A D 1865 personally appeared before me Elizor Peronneid a free person of Color formerly a Slave of Lewis L Motley of the County of Autauga and State of Alabama and acknowledged that she executed the above Contract for the purposes therein mentioned. Given under my hand and official seal this 9th day of January A D 1865.

D Merrill J P

Filed 9th A D 1865

Autauga Ala. This Instrument of writing was
done 9th 1865 Witness that L L & A McNeill
this day contracts with the following named
persons to work for him the said L & A McNeill
date until the first day of January next upon
for the terms attached to each of their names
viz: L. L & A McNeill agree to give Harrison + his wife
Mary 1/4 product of five acres of land now growing
Corn, Jonah and his wife Dinah four acres of Corn
that is the product thereof. Brunt aged ten years of
one dollar in cash per month. Effy, Hannah
and Polly to receive their food, clothing, fuel + Medical
attention during said time, It is also understood
that L said L & A McNeill agree to furnish the above
named Harrison + wife Dinky + Joseph and his wife
Linda in addition to the amounts specified to the
same their food. clothing, fuel, + Medical attention
till the said first day of January next. also the boy
Brunt is to receive food. clothing. fuel + Medical at-
tention for + during said time. In Witness whereof
the parties named above have hereunto set our
hands this June A D 1865.

L & A McNeill
Harrison + Jenny +
Joseph + Dinah +
Brunt + +

Ephey +
Harryville
Polly +

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This is to Certify that we have examined the

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above named persons and I will pay them this day
satisfies said contract. D. T. Hester
W. D. Winston

Agreement R. P. Houses Contract with Freedmen

State of Alabama This Contract made and entered
Autauga County Ent. this the 14th of June 1865 be-
tween R. P. Houses of the County and State aforesaid
and the persons Freedmen whose names are hereto
are hereunto affixed witness that for and in consid-
eration of eighths of corn. Fodder. Peas. Ground Peas and
Potatoes and Molasses made and raised on the plant-
ation of the said R P Houses for the present year 186
We have agreed &c, and do bind ourselves severally to
labor diligently and faithfully for said R P Houses
and under his direction on his said plantation for
Fifteen pr day in the Summer and Nine hours in
Winter during the present year in the cultivation of
the crops growing or to be grown during the
during and transportation to the Market of the same
to attend to feeding and raising of Stock and all the
things on said plantation. It is understood and a-
greed that we have the half of each Saturday and
Sabbath, except it becomes necessary to labor to save
the crop. and to attend to all things necessary to be
attended to and it is further agreed for any loss
of time from a failure to labor, or from any other
cause not the neglect of said R. P. Houses shall be
deducted at the rate of fifty cents pr day. and it is
further agreed that said Houses furnish for us Med-
icine, nurse room + Medical attendance when re-
quiring, and it is further agreed by us that said
Houses shall be paid at the end of the present
by the proceeds for the board + clothing of all children
under eight years of age out of our portion of the Pro-
crops and it is further agreed that the following named
children above the age of eight years of age + they agree
to give their work for their board from the aforesaid Houses
for clothing + Medical attendance when absolutely Re-
In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our

hands and seal the day and date above written
Jim about eight R. P. Houses
years of age of the first part L. H. McInnis
Nora + Violet + Alice + L. T. Hester
Ephraim + Mose + Elsie +
Margaret + Bowlet + Hannah +
Georgiana + Bell + Phillis + 1062 27
Jessy + Ben + Eve +
John + Jack + Sally + 1089
Adam + Lucy + Simon +
Artie + Dave + Ellen +
Bryan + Billy + Eliza +

Fitzpatrick B.H. Contract with Freedmen

The State of Alabama } This Instrument made and entered into
Autauga county } on this twelfth day of June 1865 by
Benjamin Fitzpatrick of the county and state aforesaid of the
first part and the following named negro Freedmen Viz!
Sylva the elder seventy years old and her five found
Children. Viz! Sylvah the younger 18 years old a first
clap hand Catharine 14 years old a third clap hand
Emma 12 years old a third clap hand Jordon 12 years old
a fourth clap hand. and Lucy 10 years old a fourth
clap hand. Ahab 48 years old a first clap hand
Martha 37 years old a fifth clap hand + their three
Children. Viz! Andy 22 years old. a first clap hand
Dave 16 years old. a third clap hand. + Booth 13 years
old. a fourth clap hand; Chiney 43 years old
a fifth clap hand + her seven children. Viz! Sam
15 years old: a third clap hand. Lucy 12 years old
a fourth clap hand Joseph 9 years old. Chiney
7 years old Washington 5 years old, Mary 3 years
old + Sidney 2 years old; — Henry 42 years old
a third clap hand. Nancy his wife, 35 years old
a third clap hand + their five children Viz!
Minerva 11 years old. Henry 9 years old + Kate
7 years old, Milly 5 years old + Ned 2 years old,
Ned 60 years a first clap hand and Rose
his wife 52 years a third clap hand, Tom Evans
33 years old a third clap hand.

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Seven children, viz: Sam 15 years a third clasp hand. Matilda 13 years old a fourth clasp hand. Jo[illegible] Georgeanna, Anna, Charlott 4 years, Thomas 4 years & Ephriam 1 year. Austin 50 years a first clasp hand Pamela his wife 34 years a second clasp hand & their five children viz: Mose 10 years a fourth clasp hand. Jerry 8 years. Harriett 6 years. Becky 4 years and Pamela 9 months. Charles 48 years a first clasp hand. Mary his wife 40 years a second clasp hand & their four children viz. Willis 18 years a first clasp hand. Charley 12 years a fourth clasp hand Berklet 9 years & Eliza 7 years. Frankk 42 years a first clasp hand & Letty his wife 40 years a fifth clasp hand. Lucinda 35 years a second clasp hand and her two children, viz: Laura 12 years old a third clasp hand, and Bet 5 years. Francis 18 years a third clasp hand & her child Fed 18 Months. — Martha Harrison 20 years a third clasp hand & her two children, viz Malinda 3 years & Lucy one year. John Tucker 35 years a first clasp hand. Mary Ellen his wife 28 years a second clasp hand and their 2 children, viz: Tempe 5 years & Hop 3 years. Wiley the younger a second clasp hand. Fanny his wife 28 years a fifth clasp hand & their five children, viz Peirit 7 years. Parala 4 years. Willis 3 years. Hop 2 years & Alliah 6 months. Anthony 38 years a first clasp hand Caroline his wife a third clasp hand & their five children, viz Andrew 10 years a fourth clasp hand Jeremy 8 years. Eliza 5 years. Sam 2 years & an Infant. Savannah 23 years a third clasp hand & her child Rachel 18 months. Ephraim 75 years a third clasp hand & Maria Glass his wife 65 years a third clasp hand and their Grandson Harrison 11 years a fourth clasp hand. Maria Harrison 60 years a fifth clasp hand and her Grandson William 13 years a third clasp hand. Dennis 48 years a first clasp hand. Betty his wife 48 years a second clasp hand & their five children, viz Creasy 17 years a first clasp hand & [illegible] years a third clasp hand & Albert 11 years a fourth clasp hand. Willis 52 years a first clasp hand & Susan his wife 46 years a fourth clasp hand. Edmond 32 years a first clasp hand. Caroline his wife 42 years a second clasp hand. Josh 22 years a first class hand. Wiley 13 years a second class hand Jenny McLeston 8 years a second class hand. Louisa 7. a third class hand & their five children viz: Josh 17. a first class hand. Sarah Jane 12. Alfred 9. Louisa 5 Jane 2 years. Jacob 38 years a first class hand Dorcas [illegible] years a first class hand. Mary his wife 48 years a first class hand & their four children Betsy 16 years a first class hand. Phil 12 years a fourth class hand, Hannah [illegible] years & Julia 7 years. Lucy 38 years a fifth class hand & their five children viz: Hank 11 years. Harriet 9 years. Rose [illegible] years. Lewis 4 years. Jane 2 years. parties of the second part. witnesseth. That the said parties of the second part have agreed and contracted, and do hereby agree and contract with the said party of the first part to perform cheerfully the duties of hands and laborers upon and about the plantation of the said party of the first part lying & situate in the County & State aforesaid for the year 186[illegible]. And it is to say the usual labors of Ploughing & Hoeing of cultivating & gathering the crops and keeping said plantation in repair and doing such timber work & land working in & giving such attention to a grist & saw Mill & dam for the same connected therewith as may be necessary for the use & supply of said plantation and laborers thereon and the family of the party of the first part, and of carrying for feeding, managing and attending to the live stock on said plantation, and in consideration therefor the said party of the first part has agreed and contracts with said parties of the second part, the fourth part of all the Wheat, Corn, fodder, & potatoes raised and gathered upon said plantation for the year 186[illegible] and to furnish said parties of the second part and such of their families as are herein mentioned with the same proportion of food & clothing, fuel, house room and medical attention respectively as the law requires for

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...sisted to labour on said plantation.
It is hereby distinctly and again declared by the parties to this instrument that the said parties of the second part shall perform all their duties with reasonable care and diligence and under the direction and control of the said party of the first part or of an agent appointed by him; that said parties of the second part shall be orderly and respectful at all times and that each of them who shall fail in either of the respects mentioned in this clause shall be liable to be dismissed from said plantation with their wives and children and if dismissed shall forfeit all claim for compensation for services rendered that year.
It is further understood and agreed by the parties of the second part that the one fourth of the crops hereinafter mentioned shall be divided and distributed between them according to the classification of said parties as hands in this instrument except those of said parties who are in class fifth who are to have no part of said crop but are to receive their food and clothing, fuel, house rent and medical attention and that of their children herein mentioned who are not classified; it being clothing, fuel and medical attention. It is further mutually agreed by the parties of the second part that a detail be made regularly on each Saturday afternoon from those of said parties of the second part who are competent for the discharge of such duties who shall during Saturday afternoon and Sunday feed, water and care for and attend to the stock on said plantation and discharge the necessary household and kitchen duties at the residence of the said party of the first part. In witness whereof the said parties of the first and second part have hereunto set their hands and seals on the day and date above written.

Witness L. T. Elmore — Lucy + — Ben Fitzpatrick
L. T. Grant — Hark + — Catherine +
Chas. Page — Morita + — Eliza +
— Andy + — London +

Dan + Brooks + Chany + Jane + Lucy + Jenny + Nancy +
Bird + Rose + Tom Evans + Rhody + Austin + Charles +
Jane + Matilda + Pamela + Alford + Mary + Willis + Andy
Hooks + Lucy + Lucinda + Lucia + Frances + Martha + Van
Dixon + John Tucker + Mary Ellen + Riley Jr + Jenny + Ann
Jenny + Caroline + Andrew + Savannah + Esperanza + Marielle
Ann + Maria + Harrison + William + Dennis + Betsey + Chany +
Elsey + Albert + Willis + Susan + Emma + Caroline + Lucky +
Riley Sr. + Henry McGehee + Louisa + Isaiah + Jacob + Dora +
Mary + Betsey + Phil + Harrison + Lucy + 1089 69 1158

It + The undersigned are acquainted with the
dentation of the above mentioned Ben Fitzpatrick +
is one of the most fertile and productive on the
ers of Alabama rivers. There are in cultivation in
ne & upwards of five hundred acres, and in wheat
bout forty acres. and potatoes about eight acres. an
e the above contract to be a reasonable and fair
able one to the laborers. L. T. Elmore
Witness our hands. L. T. Grant

Roberts Jesse H. Contract with Freedmen -
residing Alabama Articles of agreement entered
Pike County Made by Jesse H. Roberts of the
t part and the negroes Lucinda and his Children
d and to in Christian Name for Henry. The party of
first part agrees to find and clothe to furnish
necessary and proper medical attendance, house
and fuel for and to the party of the second part the
1st of January 1866. in consideration of the prem
the party of the second part agrees to live with
and labor on the farm of the party of the first part
Day from until the first of January 1866.
In witness whereof we have affixed our hands
and seals this 6th of June A.D. 1865 - In witness
hereof we have affixed our hands and seals this
of June A.D. 1865 -
Anderson & Bryan
Wm McBride

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Jesse H Roberts
Lucinda + mark
Dal + "
Henry + "

Memorandum of Contract made & entered into
State of Alabama } Articles of Agreement this day made
Pike County } between E & A Henderson
Henderson & Co parties of the first part & Green
Berman 58 years old, Sam a man 52 years of Sandy
Creek, Rachael a girl 14 years old, Henry
a girl 11 years old, Rose a girl 11 years old, Lotus a
boy 9 years old, Benjamin 7 years old, & Laura a
girl 7 years old. The said Laborers do each of
them agree to labor faithfully & diligently for said
Henderson & Co until Jan 1st 1867 during which time they are
desired of them in the field. Time or Task plows as
are here accustomed to do. In consideration of
the above the said E & A Henderson agree to furnish
the above named persons until Jan 1st 1867 with
good & sufficient clothing, Rations, Quarters, fuel and
Medical attention, to treat them kindly as humane
masters & employers should & to pay them at the rate
of $ per day & in addition to give them Sunday's except
Provided to work all the usual holidays & one half of
every Saturday except in case of emergency.
In addition to above said Henderson agree to pay
to Rachael a Miss Sunday hat & dress & pr of Shoes
Ring & Shoes - to pay to Sam immediately one gallon of
Syrup & 1 pr of shoes, and when crops are gathered
one fifth % of Rice & Syrup made & said Sam to give
them Extra Rations after crops are laid by at times when
he can be best spared. Chany } E & A Henderson
Sworn & subscribed Rose } Sam & mark 1161
before me this Feb 8th 1866 Witness. A B Dorsey John } Grace "
A G Riley Benjamin } Rachael "
Mullins Thos K, Contract with Freedmen 1161
State of Ala } Know all men by these presents that
Pike County } this agreement entered into this day be-
tween Thos K Mullins of the first part and Alex Hen-
derson and Berry of the second part witnesseth that the
said Mullins on his part agrees to furnish the said
persons as hereinafter with good clothing good
and necessary Medical attention and kindly

Burrell come to Vina first woman, and Ben Burrell
agree to Wallis the last named for their services
till January 1st 1886 as laborers in Cotton farm, and
the said Colored persons agree on their part faithfully
labor for the said J. K. Wallis & be obedient
unto him for the period above mentioned, and this
agreement is entered into voluntarily and for
the part of the said Colored persons, and they
agree to obey said Wallis in all things not in
violation of this contract.

Witness
Sam N. Adams Jr 11 61/4
Jno P Allen 11 7/2

J. K. P. Wallis
Alex + mark
Bill +
Dezzer +
Willis +

Memorandum Contract with Freedmen

State of Ala. Know all men by these presents that
Pike County } this agreement entered into this day be-
tween Martha Craig of the first part, and Amanda
and two children of the second part, witnesseth. That
the said Martha Craig on her part agrees to furnish
said Negroes as Rent for said year, Clothing gro-
ceries, food, and medical attention for their services on
the part of said Negroes as laborers of her home
and farm. And the said Negroes agree on their part
faithfully to labor for the said Martha Craig for the
above consideration for the period above mentioned
and this agreement is entered into voluntarily on
the part of the said Negroes and they faithfully a-
gree to obey the said Martha Craig in all things
not in violation of this agreement.

Witness Jno P Allen 11 7/2
J K Wallis

Amanda + mark

Memorandum Contract with Freedmen

State of Ala. Know all men by these presents
Pike County } that the agreement entered into this day be-
tween Jno P Allen of the first part and Sarah +
Lucy Ann Lacy or Tacy Martin and Amanda
and Susan and Children two colored persons of the se-
cond part witnesseth. That the said Allen on his

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first agrees to furnish the said Negroes as hands for
with food, grounds, fuel, and medical attention for the
ensuing twelve the first of January 1866, as laborers on
said farm, and the said Negroes agree on their
part faithfully to labor for said Jno. P. Allen for the a-
bove consideration for the period above mentioned
and this agreement is entered into voluntarily on
freely on the part of the said negroes and they fur-
ther agree to obey the said Allen in all things re-
sonable in relation to this agreement. Jno. P. Allen
Witness J. K. Mullins 1174 Agent for
Dan'l M. Adams } Freedmen

Allen & others } Contract with Freedmen
State of Ala. } Know all men by these presents that
Pike County } the agreement entered into this day
between Jno. P. Allen of the first part and the colored
persons of the second part: Witnesseth, That the said
Allen on his part agrees to furnish the said Negroes
with food, clothing, the use of land and medical at-
tendance for the support of corn for his farming on
the first of January 1866 as a laborer on his
farm, and the said Negroes on his part agree faith-
fully to labor for the said John P. Allen for the a-
bove consideration for the period above mentioned
and this agreement is entered into voluntarily
freely on the part of the said Negroes and further
agree to obey the said Allen in all things sub-
servient to this agreement. Jno. P. Allen
Witness J. K. Mullins 1175 Freedmen
Dan'l M. Adams }

Lyons Johns } Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama } We the undersigned John Lyons &
Pike County } his former slaves to wit: Harry 46
Abraham 36. Isaac 28. Joseph 25. Monroe 22, and Cole-
man 20 years old Working hands, Patsy 52. Elizabeth
Green 20 years old Working hands, Patsy 52. Elizabeth
19 cripple six feet 1 year 18. Bob 10. Anderson 5. Julia 3
and two children Samuel 9 years & Calvin 6 years
do hereby bind unto the following contract. The said
Abraham Isaac Joseph Monroe & Coleman

Patsy Elizabeth Green Bob. Anderson Julia Samuel & Calvin on their part do each of them agree to remain
with the said Lyons until Jan. 1866 as hard working field plantation hands & that during said time
they will not leave said Lyons employment without his consent & to do & perform all such services
as may be required of them by said Lyons. The said Lyons
in consideration of the above on his part agrees to
furnish said Harry, Abraham, Isaac, Joseph, Monroe,
Coleman, Patsy, Elizabeth, Green, Bob, Anderson, Julia
Samuel & Calvin with good & sufficient rations, clo-
thing, fuel, grounds, Medical attendance until 1st
Jan 1866, & sufficient time to get
part one third pts of all the corn, fodder, pindars
sweet potatoes, peas, & ground peas which they may be gathered
in said plantation, which third pts is to be equally di-
vided amongst Harry, Abraham, Isaac, Joseph, Monroe
& Coleman. It is further agreed & understood
between the said Lyons they are to furnish for clothing or medi-
cal attendance for said Harry, and others & the same shall be de-
ducted from their shares of the crops respectively un-
less the same is repaid. It is agreed that whatever expense
said Lyons may incur for clothing for Patsy, Elizabeth
Green, Bob, Anderson, Julia, Saml & Calvin is to be de-
ducted in equal parts from the shares of the crops
of Isaac, Joseph, Monroe & Coleman, all of whom over
the relation of either husband, father, or brother or son
to the above named children. It is agreed that in
order that corn or as little as possible may have to
be deducted from the crops of the above named
for buying breads for clothing that they shall be al-
lowed to run out at such times as they can labor
and to account for their clothing. It is agreed that
the above named women & children shall be supplied
with cards wheels looms & cotton & be allowed all the
time they can not employed in cook, wash, iron, house or
other labor duties so that more or as little as possi-
ble may have to be deducted for their clothing from the
shares of their above mentioned husbands & fathers &
It is further agreed that if Judy Elizabeth Green

Samuel or
Elmira Darby
to them will be no longer binding. It is agreed that
hereinafter the wages already set forth all shall be paid
monthly & except as they may be taxed
to work & all other usual holidays & they shall not be
required to labor beyond the limits set forth in the
Labor Regulations Recently published by the Superintend-
ent Company. It is further agreed by all parties
to this Contract that in case any party to the Con-
tract fails in a material respect to carry out his or
her obligations that this contract as to him or her
may be by the other party terminated as provided
& hereby, duly executed to foregoing contract.

Subscribed in Elizabeth + Isaac Lewis
Presence of Lewis + Nancy + Mark
L K Darby Bob + Abraham + "
L K Darby Amanda + Isaac + "
W A Pearson Sylvia + Joseph + "
" Samuel + Moroni + "
" Calvin + Coleman + "
" Galaxy + "

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Franck Timothy &c contract with Pearson
The State of Ohio a contract entered into between
Pike County } Timothy & Franck of the County
and State aforesaid of the first part; and Bob a
Negro boy formerly owned by Bird Mapson of the
second part. Said boy Bob binds himself to work for
said Franck until Christmas. he agrees to be obedient
and to conduct himself and use Mindful of the interest
of his employer Wm Franck, and Timothy Franck a-
greed to furnish said boy his victuals and clothes
and provide medical attention in case of sick-
ness, and also agrees to allow him boy Bob to
attend school & work for himself -

T & Franck
Bob + Mark

Test
Lewis Pearson
W A Pearson

Riley & Meyers Contract with Anderson

This Indenture of Agreement between L. M. Riley & Meyers County & State of Texas of the first part & Anderson a man aged about thirty five years of the same place of the second part witnesseth that said Anderson is a rough Lumberman & Carpenter & said Riley agrees to find clothes, pay the medical bills, furnish tools and lodging & food for said man Anderson, also tools & material for the Pavement & is to build said Riley the said Anderson is to labor faithfully & diligently at his said trade & remain on faithful performance of said labor for the present year or such time and no longer & the present Contract is to continue. also one Anderson aged about 24 years. said Riley is to furnish said Man Anderson with a sufficiency of Wholesome food & good clothing & his medical bills, also furnish lodging & food for the balance of the year. for which said Riley is to have said Anderson as the product of his labor & land now in cultivation & which has been delivered to him. And in addition to which he is to give said Anderson one fourth interest in the amount for which he is to be credited to Mr Sent. Dunbar for the present year. that interest to commence from to day, deducting from the year's hire $12 for said Riley which is owed and as belonging to said Riley by Anderson, to much of the year having elapsed before the making of this Contract. Riley is to receive from Dunbar 2 bushels corn 100 gals of Molasses 200 lbs Pork 250 lbs Flour & 20 bushels of Potatoes for the hire of Anderson for the present year & all expenses paid by Dunbar, and said Anderson agrees to labor faithfully & diligently & complete the Contract & said Riley with said Dunbar to be obedient to all reasonable commands & respectful in his conduct as becomes faithful hands in such cases & in testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 3d day of June 1865. 192 L M Galt Riley

Witness J R Galt
H H Riley

Anderson + Letter +

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Goldthwaite & R. Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama } Articles of agreement made & entered into
Pike County } between L R Goldthwaite of said County and State
of the first part and the Negroes Louisa and Betty
by Mother & daughter aged respectively 35 & 14 years
late the slaves of said Goldthwaite of the second
part witnesseth. That said Louisa and Betty agree
& obligate themselves to live with the said Goldthwaite
for the remainder of the present year 1865 in the ca-
pacity of servants. That they will be honest, in-
dustrious & obedient & ever mindful of the interest of
their employer. In consideration of which service the
said party of the first part agrees & binds himself to
furnish the said Louisa & Betty a sufficiency of food
& clothing, house, medical attendance & fuel and also to
provide for & furnish in the same manner the fol-
lowing children of said Louisa who are younger than said Betty
and who by reason of their tender age are unable
to render to said Goldthwaite their services and agree
to bring as follows. Caroline aged 11 years. Henry G. Mary
G. Mark 8; Corny 5. and the said Goldthwaite agrees
to pay said Negroes Ten Dollars at the conclusion
of their term of service. They are hereby bound
to work labor in the farm. Witness our hands
on this 2d day of June 1865. 1944 L R Goldthwaite
Acknowledged & Signed Louisa +
before me Sallie B Goldthwaite Betty +

Wiley L McCalib, Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama } Articles of agreement between
Pike County } L McCalib Wiley of said County
the first part and Mary a woman 40 years, Sarah a
Washington 22 the slaves of said Wiley with whom the
aforesaid Mary is old & infirm & among the
children is unable to do any labor whatever & needs
their services & attention & that said Sarah is
delicate & feeble & the mother of four children of the
age who are unable to gain a subsistence & not
9 yrs. Emma 7. Lewis 3½ & an infant a few

& said woman being unwilling to quit the premises &
protection of said Wiley & said Washington feeling it his
duty & will as his privilege to aid said Wiley in the sup-
port of his mother, the woman Mary and his brother
Sarah and four children. & they also agree to re-
main with said Wiley the balance of the present
year & labor for said Wiley as they have hereto-
fore, and to be dutiful & respectful as they have
always been, for which said Wiley agrees to fur-
nish all of them with a sufficiency of food and
clothing & pay their medical bills and to furnish
them houses & fuel & at the end of the year he is to
pay said Washington ten dollars. He also agrees to
pay William a man about 20 years & Louisa his
wife about 22 years late the slaves of said Wiley
who are the parents of the small children & sis-
ter Celia a girl 4 years & Jimmie a boy aged 9 months
that said parents are desirous to have them secured
in comfortable support for the balance of the present
year & whereas said Louisa will be confined in a
short time again & requires to have attention for
herself. It is stipulated that said parties continue to
labor for said Wiley as above & do so for the
remainder of the present year to be dutiful re-
spectful & obedient as they have always been
been, for which they are to have a sufficiency of
comfortable clothing & nourishing food & have all their
Medical bills paid & be furnished with houses
and fuel & that said William is to have the pro-
duct of a half acre of land now in cultivation
and which land is in his possession & under his
control at the end of the year is to pay said Wiley
dollars in cash. In testimony whereof we have
hereunto set our hands this 3d of June 1865.
And also said Wiley agrees on the first part
with Eliza a woman aged 44 years & her chil-
dren Charles a man aged 21 years, Lucinda a boy
aged 18 years & Mary a girl aged 13 years late slaves
of said Wiley. Witnesseth that whereas said

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Eliza the mother of Charles Simeon & Mary is also the mother of three other Children who are of tender age & unable to gain a subsistence to wit: Geo a boy three years old. Emily J. & Dora 4 years old. And whereas said Eliza will be again confined in a few days and is wholly unable to support herself. It is agreed that said party of the first shall find lodge & pay all Medical Bills of all said family. also furnish them fuel for which three of them who are able to labor shall work for said Wiley faithfully for the balance of the present year. And said said Wiley to support them who are unable to work, in addition to which said Wiley at the end of the year is to pay Charles $10 Ten dollars Simeon 5 dollars & Mary 2 dollars all of said family agree to be diligent & faithful

In Testimony Whereof the parties hereunto set our hands this 3 June 1865.

Witness
L R Goldthwaite
A A Wiley

L McCalb Wiley
Eliza +
Williams +
Louisa +
Charles +
Sarah +
Simeon +
Washington +
Mary +

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Goldthwaite L R } Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama } This memorandum of an agreement entered into this
Pike County } 3rd day of June 1865 between L R Goldthwaite party of the first part and the following named colored persons viz: Wall aged 60 years, his wife Julia aged 38 and their daughter Eliza aged 16 - and Sam aged 45 and Dick aged 13 years of the second part witnesseth; That the parties of the 2d part agree to live with said Goldthwaite for the remainder of the year 1865 in the capacity of servants - and to be robust industrious and conduct themselves

That in consideration of said service the said Goldthwaite agrees to furnish them with a sufficiency of food clothing lodging Medical attention & fuel and also to furnish in like manner the three youngest children of said Wall & Julia viz: Jane aged 4 years Lizi aged 3 years & Little Wall aged 14 months & they by the parties of the first part agree on the completion of said crop to pay to said Goldthwaite that in addition to this it is

understood & agreed that said Goldthwaite is to pay over from one eight of all the crops housed, viz. corn, peas & Potatoes after the rent shall have first been paid - The said farm containing 60 cultivated land & one fourth of said crop being due & payable to him as soon the same shall have been gathered - It is further agreed that the said eight which is left after paying rent is to be divided & the bulk to said colored persons which discharges said Goldthwaite's liability so far as it is concerned and it is then to be divided fairly & equitably by disinterested parties to be selected by the parties -

It is proper to state that the three grown hands are engaged in working said farm who have never left it & consequently have no interest in the crop now growing thereon - In addition to the above said Goldthwaite agrees to let them have the entire control of his time on every Saturday all day & the use of his tools & wagon & the privilege of cutting wood on his land & hauling the same without any charge - And the said parties of the second part understand & agree that their industry & good behavior and attention to business during the short days of the week, and that the privilege may be withdrawn by said Goldthwaite whenever in his opinion their conduct seems such as to warrant him in doing so - It is agreed that should any of the parties of the second part leave the employment of said Goldthwaite prior to the conclusion of the term of service and upon that account the interest of said parties in the eight of the crop above mentioned is to revert to said Goldthwaite that said interest is to be ascertained by the disinterested white persons - one of whom is to be selected by said Goldthwaite & the other by the remaining parties of the second part - The above mentioned colored man Sam declining to go into this contract as grass cultivator it is understood & agreed between said Goldthwaite & the other parties of the second part - That the share of said crop which would have fallen to said Sam is to be ascertained in the manner herein before

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ing Jos + that the same is to remain the property
of said Goldthwaite. L R Goldthwaite
Signed + acknowledged in Wall +
our presence. This 8th Jany 65 Julia +
C C Pennington 1206 Eliza +
W G Wall Dick +

Lyon Wm M + A P, Contract with Freedmen.
State of Alabama Articles of agreement between Wm
Pike County M + A P Lyon of the first part and
Lyon Cook. Jim Bell. Phenay. Chaney. Jennie Ann.
Laura. Gregi. Tom. Harriet. Jane Maria Bell. last the
above of said Wm M + A P Lyon of second part. witnesseth
that said Negroes are to labour faithfully and dil-
igently upon the plantation of the said Lyon in the
cultivation of the present crop until the first of Jan-
uary for which the said Negroes are to be well fed +
clothed + the Physicians bills paid. House + food and
also receive one tenth of the corn. fodder. Peas. Ground Peas
Potatoes + Syrup made on said plantation. which are to be
divided by disinterested individuals to be selected by the
said Lyon + said Negroes according to Merit + Value
of any of said Negroes refuse to continue to labor faith-
fully until the first of January next. then they to
forfeit their claim to any part of said crop. In wit-
ness whereof we have hereunto set our Names this
day of June A D 1865. Wm Lyon
Witness Wesley Jennie A D. Lyon
Robt Lyon Hann Jim Cook
Jim Laura Jim Bill
Harriet Peter 129 Phenay
Maria George Silas
Bill Chaney

Derby A G, Contract with Freedmen.
State of Ala Articles of agreement between A G Derby
Pike County and Dave and Sarah and Sarah jun Boy & girl
formerly property of A G Derby. he is to furnish them
with house + food + raiment and necessary
medical attention and give each of them 25 bushels
at the expiration of the year. 1224

Derby A G Dave + mark
Sarah + "
Jun Melissa Contract with Freedmen.
State of Ala This Memorandum of an agreement
Pike County entered into between M L Bryan of
said County + State of the first part + the following named
negro people of said estate. Viz: Brist 28. Jerry 21. of the
second part. Witnesseth, that the said Negros do agree
to remain with said M L Bryan in the capacity of
hands for the balance of the year 1865. they agree to be
honest. industrious and obedient. and ever Mindful of
the interest of their employer. In consideration of which
the said M L Bryan agrees to furnish them
with a plenty of good food. clothing. House-room.
Medical attention + fuel. and furnish in the same
manner the following children who are not able to
do any service. Viz: Ann aged 8 years Matilda 7 years.
and of said Brist. and agrees to give said Brist-
ten acres of corn and said Jerry 5 acres of corn
This the 10th of June A D 1865
Witness John A Gibson Melissa L Bryant
L G Barnes Brist + mark
Jerry + "

Ballard Thos W, Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama A Memorandum entered into
Pike County between Thomas W Ballard of
the first part and the following named negroes
persons slaves of said Ballard. Viz: Warren 28 years old.
Rollins 11 years old. Agnes 17. and her infant two
months old. Harriet 45. of the second part. the said
negroes agree to be honest. industrious + obedient.
and ever Mindful of the interest of their employer
and the said Ballard on his part agrees to furnish
them clothing. House-room. Medical attention and
meals for the year 1865: and he further agrees to pay
Warren + Rollins 21 bushels of corn each with equivalent
in Money. Harriet 14½ bush Agnes 7 bushels corn with equi-
valent in Money. June 10th 1865. Thos W Ballard
Witness Ezekiel Moore 127 Warren + Rollin + Agnes + Harriet +
Elmadus

Sylvia Lewis Mg. Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama This Memorandum of an agreement
Pike County } entered into between Lewis Ellis
Gibson of the first part and the following negroes
of the second part. viz. George 40 years. Phillis 28 years.
Theodocia 4 yrs. Lucy 2 yrs. Theodrick 21. Marcia 2 yrs. and
Phoenix aged 40 years. of the second part. witnesseth
That said Negroes agree to remain with said Ellis
Gibson in the capacity of servants for the balance of the
year. to be honest & industrious and obedient. and faithful
of the said part of their employer. In consideration of
which herein said Gibson agrees to furnish food
clothing. house room. fuel and medical attention
and provide for and furnish in the same manner
the following children who are not able to be of any service
viz. Milly 12 years. Ellen 8 years. George 7 months and Lu-
s Manuel. and agrees to give Negro. George and his
wife Phillis five acres of corn and also Theodocia &
his wife Lucy Two acres of corn, and Theodrick and
his wife Marcia Two acres of corn and also Phoenix
Three acres. This 8th of June A D 1865

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Test-
James M Sanders
George + Gibson
Florence Ala } Contract with Freedmen
State of Ala" } Memorandum entered into between
Pike County } of the first part and the
following negroes. viz: Nancy 28 years of age & five child-
dren. Susan 11. Ivy 7. Jeff 5 years. Rhoda 2. Fanny 1 year
Reuben 28. & Two children Edgar 3. Henry 11. Lohn 8.
Isam 5th of the second part. agrees to be servant-indent-
ure and bondsman of the first part to the said employer. for & with said Ellis agrees to furnish
food clothing house room, Medical attention & fuel for
the years 1865. Nancy & children food & clothing & Rue
Fifteen of corn. & Seven fifteen dollars per month-
Witness. A D Blakeman
Lucinda Sanders

1248

Geo. VB Ellis
Nancy + Rachel +
Isom +

Jarvis Loyless, Contract with Freedmen

State of Alabama } Memorandum entered into this
Pike County } 1st Jarvis Davis of the first
part and the Negroes formerly slaves of said Davis viz:
Anthony a man 42 years of age. Diana a woman
Thirty years of age of the second part, Witnesseth
that said parties of the second part agree to
remain with said party of the first part for the
term of one year from the first day of January
1866 and during that time faithfully and
obediently perform all such labor as said party
of the first part may require of them, and
that said party of the first part agrees to
furnish said parties of the second part with
good and sufficient food and clothing, and
medical attendance when sick, and to pay
said parties of the second part the sum of
Fifty dollars each, payable as follows, viz
1/3 of crop each, payable when clothing & provisions
furnished by party of the first part
In presence of
E. Taylor
Wm R. Hill
his
Jarvis + Davis
mark
Anthony
Diana +
mark

Aggies Contract with Freedmen

State of Ala. This agreement entered into between
Pike County } Robt. L. Huggins and certain Colored
persons, viz; Delia and her three children
Viz; Henry Agnes, and Caroline about six
years old and Lucy about 14 years, having
rented with said Huggins a number of acres, and he
having satisfied with this contract and promising to
act in good faith, agrees to remain the balance of the
year for his clothing provision and medical bills
said party belonging the above is the best contract in
his power, and said Huggins agrees to carry out
faithfully the above agreement and not to require
from labor of the eight last days of March
Witness Robt. V Bingham
Aggies mark
Delia +
mark
R L Huggins

Mullins Contract with Freedmen

State of Alabama } Know all men by these presents
Pike County } That the agreement entered into
this day between Jack K Mullins of the first part
and Jenny, Eveline, and Sarah, Colored persons of
the second part witnesseth that the said Mullins
agrees to furnish said Colored persons with food
clothing, & medicines and necessary Medical attention

his Freedom and Children his in Number for Three Years from the 1st January 1866. as Laborers & Mountain Farm Laborers. And the said Colored Persons agree to Labor for the above Consideration faithfully for Three Years Period. And this agreement is entered into voluntarily and freely on the part of said Colored Persons and they further agree to obey said Millers in all things not in violation of this Contract.

Witness
Saml. M. Adams Jr.
Jno. P. Adams

I R Millers
Jenny + mark
Emeline + "
Sarah + "

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Blackman & Co, Contract with Freedmen
State of Ala" a Memorandum of an agreement entered into between
Pike County } K. P. Blackman of the first part and
the negroes formerly slaves of said Blackman, viz: Hannah
a Woman 30 + their Children Chas. 8 years, Milly 5 years
Mary 1 years old of the second part said negroes agree
to be honest, industrious, obedient + faithful in the
interest of their employer, and the said Blackman on
his part agrees to furnish said negroes with food, Clo
thing, Lodging, Medical attention + fuel for the year
Witness Saml B Adams
E. Taylor

1249

K P Blackman
Hannah +

Carlisle Jesse, Contract with Freedmen
State of Ala" Memorandum of an agreement entered into
Pike County } and into between Jesse Carlisle of the first
part and the following named Negroes of the second
part, viz, Cat aged 78 years, Nelly 60 years, Mary 24 Louisa
18 and Indian aged 14 years + Louisa's child 2 months
old of the second part. Said Negroes agree to remain
with said Carlisle in the Capacity of Servants, Ser-
vants of the year to be honest, industrious and
obedient, faithful in the interest of their employer
and in Consideration of which herein the said Car-
lisle agrees to furnish said Negroes with food, Clo
thing, House Room, fuel and Medical attention
also to support, provide for, Maintain and furnish
the negro Woman Louisa Child Sabra 2 Months

old. Which is not to be intended to be of any term to
said Carlisle, said Carlisle further agrees to give
said Negro Cap, and his wife Nelly 7 bushels Corn, and
said Louisa 5 bushels and he also Gardens his Servants
and County fire pounds of Pork - 12½ of Corn Fodder &c.

Witness
Jno Lyndes
Jesse Carlisle

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Jesse Carlisle, Cap + Nelly + Louisa + Mary + Indian
Gowan John R. Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama a Memorandum of an agreement
Pike County } entered into between John R McGowan of the first
part and the Negroes formerly slaves of said McGowan
viz: Harriet about 30. and her three children Georgia Ann
about 6. Laura about 2. Emily a Woman about 20 and
her Child about one month old, a girl about 11 years
and Bridget about 7 years of the second part, agree to
be honest, industrious obedient and mindful of the
interest of said Employer, and the said McGowan a-
gree to furnish food, Clothing, fuel + Medical attention
for the year 1865. And also agree to give Harriet and
Bridget Cows. Emily is a woman of delicate health +
her and the Children are not able to earn more than
their Clothing, food, Medical attention &c.

In Presence
of = E Taylor
K P Blackman

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Harriet +
Emily +
Melinda +

Taylor Ezekiel, Contract with Freedmen
State of Ala a Memorandum entered into between
Pike County } Ezekiel Taylor of the first part and
the Negroes formerly slaves of said Taylor, viz: Frank 60
Peckey 60 Comfort 28 and her infant Child six Months
old, Clifford 21 years old, Nero 20 and her two children
Jane 12, Reuben 11 old, Nelly 20 and her two children
Louis 1 + Louis 20 years old of the second part a-
gree to be honest, industrious, obedient + ever Mindful of
the interest of their Employer and the said Taylor agrees to
furnish said Negroes with food, Clothing Medical attention
and fuel for the year 1865. And further agrees to give
Frank, Peckey, Comfort, Clifford, Jenny, Nero + Nelly Two

...ushell of ... the children born to them ... clothing and find ... Right ...
...ir Parents of 1264 Ezekiel Taylor
... Dennis M Sanders Frank + Buckner + Comfort + Green +
... John R McGowan } Irving + Lenton + Polly + Louis +
... Dennis Sommons, contract with Freedmen
... State of Alabama In conformity to Regulations Pub-
... Tallapoosa County } lished by Thos W Conway "Gener-
... Superintendent of Freedmen" The following agreement
... was entered into this 15th of June 1865 at Dadeville
... Dennis party of the first part and Betsy a Negro Wo-
... man aged about 38 years and her six Children aged as
... follows, Dick 16, Jake about 14, Kate 12, Nancy about 8
... Rosa about 5 - Milly about 2 - and Rose a girl about
... 18 and her two Children Lena about two years and an
... infant Child about two months old, parties of the
... second part. That the said Dennis party of the first
... part agrees to find clothing and furnish Medical at-
... tendance and Medicine in case of sickness, house room
... and food to said parties of the second part, for the
... first of January 1866, and to protect and take care of
... all the parties of the second part in a comfortable +
... suitable manner, the parties of the second part agree
... in consideration of food, clothing, house room and
... food & Medical attention to work for the said Dennis
... party of the first part in any manner he shall direct
... In testimony whereof we have set our hands the year
... and day above written Dennis + Dennis
... Witness Betsy + mark
... Rose + "
... William Paige 127
... Bedford W.T. } Contract with Freedmen
... A Contract entered into and agreed between W.T
... Bedford the employer and Amanda a freed Wom-
... the said Amanda agrees to labor and work on the
... plantation until January 1st 1866 for victuals, clothing
... Medical attendance &c which the said Bedford agrees
... to furnish during or by the expiration of said term -
... In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands
... and seals this 15th day of June A D 1865 127

... under W.T. Johnson ... W.T. & Bedford
... agreement of W D Johnson } ... Amanda + Mark
... Davenport Lukis Contract with Freedmen
... State of Alabama } The following agreement entered
... Tallapoosa County } and entered into this the 15th day
... June 1865 between Luke Davenport of the first part
... and Dadeville a Negro Woman about 50 years of age and
... his wife Lucke Woman about 35 - Letha about 25 and
... two Children Elvira about 5 years of age Elbert two
... years of age - Tom about 20 years of age Henry a
... man about 35, Emson about 20 years of age and Chil-
... dren about five years old - said Luke Davenport agrees to
... furnish the parties of the second part good food comfor-
... table clothing, house room, food, Medical attention
... and Medicine in case of sickness for the balance of
... the year 1865 - and the said parties of the second part
... in consideration of said board, clothing, house room, food
... and Medical attendance in case of sickness to work for
... the said Luke Davenport, for the remainder of the year
... till the first of January 1866 at any and all kinds of
... work he may require of them - Luke Davenport
... In Witness Amila + Tom +
... William Paige 127 Lewis + Henry +
... Letha + Emson +
... Paige William } Contract with Freedmen
... State of Alabama } The following agreement entered
... Tallapoosa County } into this the 16th of June 1865 be-
... tween William Paige of the first part and Rachael aged
... 9 years for himself and five children, to wit: Mike 9 -
... Paige 6, Andrew 4, Richard 2, Lee an infant and
... Emson about 18 and Tom aged about 11 years of the
... second part: Witnesseth, That said Paige agrees to find
... and to furnish Medical attendance, house room and
... food to the said parties of the second part and the
... said parties of the second part, in consideration of
... said food, clothing, Medical attendance, house room
... and fuel agree to labor for the said party of the
... first part as he may direct during the year 1866 -
... In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our

Friends and Relatives this day came before me
Subscriber by William Ranje
Locke & Davenport } Rachel Franks
1277 Dorcas "
Jane "

Barnett H Pi contract with Freedmen
Mount Meigs Ala Copies of Contract by and between
June 1st 1865 } A D Barnett & the freedmen hereinafter
specified & the freedmen hereinafter named
of this date Viz Davenport; entered into this 1st day of June eight
hundred and sixty five = A D Barnett agrees
to hire for the remainder of the year, feed, clothe and
pay Medical bills to the same and the said freedmen
bind and to pay them one fifth (1/5) gross of the corn
fodder. Wheat and potatoes raised on the plan-
tation. The freedmen on their part agree to work diligently
and faithfully, conduct themselves properly for the
time for which they are hired, which will be from
this date to January 1866. and that they will in gen-
eral be obedient to keep all side and
disagreement regards off of the plantation, and they do further
agree that in case of continued idleness or neglect
disobedience of proper orders or destruction of Stock
upon the plantation by any of the freedmen, the so
offender shall forfeit his share of the crop and all
right to remain on the plan. In testimony of our
approval, hereto the said A D Barnett has hereunto
set his hand and the freedmen mentioned
have hereunto signified their assent in
the presence of

P W Bolling
his
Jim x Crum
mark

Who have subscribed their names as witnesses

Benjamin Bennett & wife Polly 1284
Jane " " Polly
Sam Benjamin & Rachel
Elijah & wife Emily Caroline Zack.
Harry & " Rebecca & 5 small Children, Lizzie Lucy
Lewis & " Hamilton, Edmond, Peggy, Osmond &
Kit " " Grace, Ida, Lizzie, Dennis, Sarah

Anderson, Susan Robinson, Molly Mickins & wife Mari-
ann Courtney, Aaron Gordon, Tina, Louisa, Sam, Sophia
Nancy Lee, Mary Jane, Iris Mickins & wife Ali-
ce Louise McClintock

and F. L. Garrett Contract-Article Freedmen
State of Ala" Agreement entered into between F. L.
Hennessy Co Ala and the following named la-
borers, Sarah a Girl 20 years old with one child, Su-
anna a Girl 14 years old, Mary 14 years old, Henry
14 years old, Charlotte 10 years old, the above named
parties do agree to work for F. L. Garrett until 25th
December on the following terms, to receive of
him to each hand, and that to each hand regular-
other and labors with a reasonable attention there
thereto -

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F. L. Garrett

Test- W. H. Wadsworth

W. L. Garrett

State of Ala Agreement between Francis G Dickens
Hunt Co" Parties of the first part and Elbert Hicks,
William, Henry, Dave, David, Jimmy, Allen, Gregg, Sol-
omon, Jeff and seven females and four children, Sally, L-
ongarit, Pleasant, Long Jane, Jenny, Mary, Melinda
Melinda, Long Caroline, Josephine, Bridget, Caroline
Susie & Rosalie Hughes and Children to wit: Lee, Ce-
lia, Sally, Harriet, London, Ben, Isaiah, Peter, Susan
Jane, Jenny, Christiana and William all former
ly of Col. F. G Dickens in the second part. The condi-
tions of the above Engagement is such, as follows, F G Dickens
is to furnish such work stock as he can, Plow Gear
Plows and other tools necessary on the place. Feed
the work stock all of which the above named
hands are to return to F G Dickens at the end of
the year. Each one is to furnish the above hands
with such food as is necessary and all the cloth brought
under Each one part of Clothes must be made
by them to make their part of these and Medicine
attention when necessary, and the above hands
are not to leave any and all such

[illegible] Plantation or in the Common Employment of Thos
by Parsons & Britton, and that I will be bonding
that I am employed to take Care of his Family, and they agree
to find and take good Care of Thos. G Britton Dog. and
Water Monk, and they will remain the balance of the
Year, and Thos G Britton agrees to give one half of the
Net Proceeds Oats, Rye, Corn, Peas, Potatoes and fodder
that they make on the place, to be divided Equally
when according to the way they work, or as they
agree amongst themselves, and if either of the above
named Negroes, does not work as he or she ought
or gives any Cause to be discharged, I am Britton
has a right to discharge him or her and not pay
him or her for the work done by him or her
In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our
Names this [illegible] 1850 1 Rob- Elbert + Monk
Thomas G Britton = Lewis + Mike + " Christian
Pete + Lane + Aring + Bill + " Wm +
George + Isaac + Mary + Jenny + " Isaac +
Solomon + Sully + Malinda + Dan + " Pete +
Liff + Margaret + Lucy + Daniel + " Sully +
Isham + Margaret + Josephine + Germany + " Nancy +
Bridget + Caroline + Louisa + Lee, Charles + Jenny +
Abe Isaac + Ben + Susan + Hannah + Ike + Rosella +
Attest S H Chenoweth - Thos G Britton

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Warren Evans Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama } This day Contract and agree with
Perry County } Mr Laban Warren. That for and
Consideration that he will furnish me with Victuals
Clothing and Rations. I will remain with him from
this date till the 25th of Dec next or Laborers upon
his farm. and will pay due Respect and Obedience
to all his lawful orders. and faithfully endeavor
to promote his interest in the Cultivation of his
Crop and Use Necessary Industry as he may re-
quire and assist him 1st of Jan 1866 in Gathering
Witness Thos. P. Martin
J. L. Warren

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Russell Co Contract with Freedmen

State of Alabama } I hereby Contract and agree
Lowndes County } with E. Hamlet Trial for Cond in
consideration that I will furnish suitable clothing
Medical Attention and in addition to the
Use of Farm, I will remain with him from this date
until 25th of Dec next as a laborer on his farm and
will pay due respect and obedience to all his lawful
orders. And faithfully endeavor to promote his interest in taking care of his Stock and at the necessary du-
ties as he may direct 1331 June

Witness B B Hall

Russell Co Contract with Freedmen

State of Alabama } For and in consideration of
Lowndes County } services hereafter specified in
this Contract rendered by the following named laborers I promise to furnish clothing, Rations, free use
of mules & Physicians attention also to allow them
one fifth of my Corn Crop when growing to be
divided According to quality & Qty. And in Con-
sideration the Undersigned laborers do promise
faithfully and diligently to perform all necessary
labor in working of the Crops and gathering the
same to use all diligence in protecting his interest
to pay due Respect and obedience to all lawful or-
ders that he may give, and bind themselves to
work during day except Saturday evening & Sunday
in case of absence from our employment no wages
will be due but may be deducted pro rata -
Wm. Dick. Mahaly, Rachel, Dominica, Sarah
Willis, Sam. Ida. Serge. Ada. Desmon. Capt. Lucy.
Lucy. Harriet. Henry. Jefferson. Abram. Peter. Lily. Duff.
Caleb. Lucy. Abby. Sam. Morgan 1359

Capt. Dan'l (L) Contract with Freedmen

Know all Men by these presents. That I. Capt. D-
aniel of the County of Plenty "L" of Ala" on the one part.
and the Persons called freedmen, whose names are
hereunto subscribed on the other part witnesseth
that the said Parties

to the said Negroes on his Plantation in said County
Clothing, Houses, Medical attendance & food
and he further agrees that he shall have as their
share of the crops one fifth part of the corn made
on the Place on which they labor, and the said Negroes
agrees to allow to the said Negroes land for private
cultivation as prescribed by the Regulations and the
said Negroes accept and agree to the same and
that for the and assented to by said Parties, faithfully
to labor on said Plantation, the time of labor being
Ten hours in Summer, and Nine hours in Winter
except the afternoon of Saturday and the whole of
Monday, Unless some Necessity should arise to have
the crop, in which case the Overseer may require
be rendered, and it is further agreed by and the
said Negroes, that if any or either of them refuse
to work faithfully when able to do so, both pay and
support shall be forfeited and each person shall
be Responsible to the Assistant Superintendent of Freedmen
at the City of Montgomery to be dealt with according
to Law, and the said Negroes agree to be obedient
and Respectful as they have been told from time to time and upon
their failure to do so, to be forfeited to the Government
Regulations of said Works who agrees to treat them
kindly and to make no Reasonable demands of
them in any respect. The above contract is for the
year 1865.

Sam'l V.S Works

Name Plain

Rain Riley x his mark Dynah
Maria Martha William Rena Malinda
Kitt Nathan Nannie Dave
Moses Isip Charlie Liddy
Joseph Fielding Brinda Louisa
Daniel Keziah Olive Hannah Minnie
Willis Diana Jamie Clarke L & Butcher
Wiley Sally Ryling Mariah V.S Works
Rena Polly Robert Nathaniel
Lucie Louisa Peyton Adam
Mathew Gilbert Wiley

	Frederick	Mary	Jane	
	Jack	Lucy	"	Wallaces Plain
	Jane	Nelson	Jack	Jessie	Polly Town
	Mitchell	Louisa	George	Rinda	
	Jessie	Lucy	Jack	Wade	
	William	Rhody	Charles	Charlotte	S S Butcher
	Andrew	Emily	William	Becca	M A Wallaway
	Edmond	Arthur	Stephen	Hannah	
	Jack	Peggie	Reuben	Nancy	
	Jacks	Willis	Bibb	Lucy	1458
	Wesley	Frank	Walker	Bill	
	Sarah	Ann	Eli	Jessica	

Articles of agreement entered into this 2nd day of August 1847 between Rebecca Robinson of the County of Morgan and State of Alabama of the first part and the following named persons to wit: Jack, Nancy, Jane, Willis, Lucinda, Lt. Alexander, Winder, Lucy, Emily, Rebecca, Frederick, Mary, Jane, Jack, Lucy, Jack, Wade, Jessie, Lucy, Jack, Wade, William, Rhody, Charles, Charlotte, Andrew, Emily, William, Becca, Edmond, Arthur, Stephen, Hannah, Jack, Peggie, Reuben, Nancy, Jacks, Willis, Bibb, Lucy, Wesley, Frank, Walker, Bill, Sarah, Ann, Eli, Jessica, parties of the second part, have this day entered into a contract with the above named Rebecca Robinson to work upon her plantation. Upon the following conditions. I agree to furnish food, clothing, medical attention and such other aid as to give them the use of the present growing crop.

Rebecca Robinson

I certify that the above contract was made in my presence and that the laborers were satisfied

1447

A J Shackelford
L L Gresham

Articles of agreement entered into between Silas Livingston of the County of Morgan and State of Alabama of the first part and the following named persons of the second part to wit: Silas Livingston 25 years of age and his wife Mariah 24 years of age with his 3 children all under 10 years of age, Andrew Livingston 19 years of age with his 2 children, Mary a woman 45 years of age with her 3 children all under 9 years of age

Pat Brannan a Man 45 years of age, and his wife Susan
25 years of age, and two Children all under 5 years
of age, Eliza a girl 14 years of age belonging to the above named
freedmen, and Given Rations, Clothing, good and
and Medical attendance to the best of my ability
for their labour on my farm, from the present time
to the 25th day of december 1865 - and on the afore
said Terms of the second part for and in consid-
eration of our Clothing, Rations &c to be furnished
us do agree to faithfully perform our labor for the
aforesaid time, and obey all orders from said Silas
Livingston or the first part, or his wife

Test,
T. J. Wilson
Silas Livingston
Susan Livingston
Sarah Brannan

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Memorandum of Agreement made
State of Alabama Articles of Agreement made
Livingston County } entered into this 1st day of
January A.D. 1866 between A. L. Livingston of the first part
and the following named persons, to wit-
Aberdeen 27 years of age, Richard 18 years of age, Ann
Ann 22 years of age and one Child 4 years of age
all of the second part. A. & L. Livingston of the first-
part agree to employ the aforesaid persons as
freedmen, Give them Rations, Clothing, good humane
treatment, and proper Medical attendance for their la-
bor on my farm, from the present time to the
25th of Dec. 1866, and those of the second part for a-
bove consideration of our Clothing, Rations &c are to
be furnished &c. do agree to faithfully perform our
labor, and obey all orders from the said A. & L. Livingston
of the first-part or his wife = A. L. Livingston
Aberdeen +
Test- Richard +
A. A. Wilson Ann +
Lt. L. Stuart

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Contract Dr. Montgomery Articles of Agreement entered into this 18th day of December 1865 between Thomas Thornhill of the first part and James Williams & Frank Williams of the said second part witnesseth that the said Thomas Thornhill doth agree to find, clothe and pay Bills and Doctor bill for said James Williams and Tom Williams. And the said James Williams doth agree to work for the said Thomas Thornhill as Laborers & Farmers for the term of one year from the 19th day of December 1865 =

James + Williams
his mark

Articles of Contract with Freedmen

State of Alabama } This Agreement entered into by &
Dallas County } between of the 1st part of the said County
and State and Richard a freedman and Julia his wife
said Richard and Julia do also as freedwoman of the
said County & State of the second part witnesseth that
the said Robin & Ingram will provide the said Rich-
ard Julia and Lavinia and the four children of
said Richard and Julia and that which is ex-
pected soon to be born, and the remaining child
and that which is to be born of Lavinia, found
ing, Quarters and Rations as Cooks, Nurses, Feed
dicine in Medical Attention from 25th May 1865 to
Dec 1866 and the said parties of the second part
in consideration of the services to be rendered
by the said parties of the first part as Cooks
Nurses, and Laborers during the year aforesaid
as hereinafter mentioned do hereby agree to
work faithfully for the said Robin & Ingram
and Bill Bring, during the year aforesaid
and to conduct themselves properly and
obey all reasonable orders given by the said
Robin & Ingram or their Agent or Overseer
and to be obedient and respectful to them
and to do no work on the days set apart for
Religious worship by the Proprietors of the
Plantation without permission from the said
Robin & Ingram or their Agent or Overseer
and to be honest and truthful in all things
connected with the business of the said Robin
& Ingram and to do no act or thing tending
to injure the said Robin & Ingram in their
property or business and to be strictly
temperate and moral in their habits and
to use no profane language and to be
kind and civil to all persons on the Plan-
tation and to commit no trespass upon the
property of any person adjoining the said
Plantation and to keep up the fences
around the fields and to be careful not
to let the stock get into the fields and
to assist in securing the crop when
required to do so by the said Robin &
Ingram or their Agent or Overseer and
to work in the fields from sunrise to
sunset each day allowing time for meals
and to be obedient to all the rules and
regulations established by the said Robin
& Ingram for the government of the
Plantation and the said Robin & Ingram
in consideration of the faithful performance
of the services and duties by the said parties
of the second part to be performed as
aforesaid agree to furnish the said parties
of the second part with Provisions Clothing
Medicine and Medical Attendance during the
year aforesaid and to pay the said parties
of the second part the sum of Eighty five
dollars for the services rendered by the
said parties of the second part during the
year aforesaid and the said parties of the
second part agree to receive the said sum
of Eighty five dollars in full for the
services rendered by them during the year
aforesaid and the said parties of the second
part agree to pay for all articles furnished
to them by the said Robin & Ingram at
the following prices viz Meat 15 cts per lb
Meal 5 cts per qt Molasses 50 cts per gal
Sugar 15 cts per lb Coffee 25 cts per lb
Soap 10 cts per bar Tobacco 50 cts per lb
Clothing at cost and charges and all
other articles at reasonable prices and
the said parties of the second part agree
that the said Robin & Ingram shall have
a lien upon the crop of the said parties
of the second part for the payment of
the said sum of Eighty five dollars and
for all articles furnished to the said
parties of the second part during the
year aforesaid and the said parties of the
second part agree to deliver the said crop
to the said Robin & Ingram or their
Agent or Overseer as soon as gathered
and to permit no person to remove any
portion of the said crop from the said
Plantation without the consent of the said
Robin & Ingram or their Agent or Overseer
and in case the said parties of the second
part shall violate any of the provisions
of this contract or shall leave the said
Plantation without the consent of the said
Robin & Ingram or their Agent or Overseer
before the expiration of the year aforesaid
they shall forfeit all claim to the said
sum of Eighty five dollars and to any
portion of the crop and the said Robin
& Ingram shall have the right to take
possession of the said crop and to dispose
of the same for their own benefit and
the said parties of the second part shall
be liable to the said Robin & Ingram
for any damage they may sustain by
reason of the violation of this contract
and the said Robin & Ingram shall have
the right to retain any amount of damage
so sustained out of the said crop and
the said parties of the second part shall
be liable to the said Robin & Ingram
for any damage they may sustain by
reason of the violation of this contract
and the said Robin & Ingram shall have
the right to retain any amount of damage
so sustained out of the said crop and

Richard +
his mark

Julia +
her mark

Lavinia +
her mark

John G Ingram

Articles of Contract with Freedmen

This Contract made this 12th day of June 1865 between Thomas Thornhill of the County of Cumberland of the first part and the Army of the United States agents to em-

Clerk Clerk [illegible] and two family. Their victuals and clothes
and pay their Dr Bills until 1st of January 1866 and
Levin Gale Army agrees to work for said Calvin until the
1st of January 1866 - In witness whereof the parties of the
Presents have hereunto set their hands the day and
year above written = 1486 A D Calvin
Witness = Army + Mark
Capt Lyn Lowless
Lieut Wm Barnes

Calvin Euphamia, Contract with Freedmen
Contract made + concluded on this 12th June 1866
between Mrs Euphamia Calvin of County of Covington
State of Ala of the first part and the boys Adams
Hellina Green Patients Elizah + Lamuth, and Fami-
lies of the second part, Witness & Calvin of the
first part agrees to give said boys their victuals
& clothes and pay their Dr Bills until 1st January
1866 and the said Colored persons of the second
part agree to work with the said Euphamia Calvin
until 1st January next for their victuals + clothes -
In witness whereof the parties of these presents
have hereunto set their hands the day and year above
written Euphamia Calvin
Lyn W Lowless Patients - Adams + Mark
Lyn W Barnes Lazarth - Hellina + "
John Cooper Elizah - Green + " 1487

Lazenger R L. Contract with Freedmen
Marion County Ala According to an order received
June 19th 1865 from the Bureau of Freedmen
May 25th 1865. I have this day entered into the follow-
ing agreement with the following named persons
Alex & Rose Reuse & husband. Green and family and Rai-
ment with Medical attention for his services
until Jan 1st 1866. Priscilla his wife & four small
Children are to receive their same treatment -
R L Lazenger jr
I Certify that I witnessed the above agreement
and that said persons were satisfied
A W Griffin 1494

Articles of Contract made & entered into this 19th day of January 1866 between Richard Lightfoot of the County of Perry & State of Alabama of the first part & the following named Freedmen of the County & State aforesaid of the second part Witness

That the said party of the first part for & in consideration of the services to be rendered by the said parties of the second part as hereinafter mentioned doth hereby promise & agree to furnish to the said parties of the second part all the provisions & stock of every description necessary to make a crop on the plantation of the said party of the first part in the County & State aforesaid

And the said parties of the second part for & in consideration of the provisions & stock to be furnished by the said party of the first part as aforesaid doth hereby promise & agree to work faithfully & diligently on the said plantation of the said party of the first part during the present year & to conform to all reasonable orders & regulations of the said party of the first part or his agent & to be obedient & respectful to him & his agent & to do all such work as may be required of them in a workmanlike manner & to use all proper diligence in securing the crop when ready for gathering

And it is further agreed by & between the said parties that the said party of the first part is to receive one third of the crop that is made on the said plantation & the said parties of the second part are to receive two thirds of the crop that is made on the said plantation after deducting therefrom the amount of provisions & stock furnished as aforesaid

And it is further agreed by & between the said parties that the said party of the first part is to furnish mules & feed them & to furnish all the plows & gear necessary to work the crop & to furnish corn meal & bacon for the hands during the present year

And it is further agreed by & between the said parties that the said party of the second part are to be charged with & are to pay for all provisions & stock furnished as aforesaid at the following prices viz Bacon at 25 cts per lb Corn meal at $2.00 per bushel

And it is further agreed by & between the said parties that the said party of the first part is to have a lien on the crop for the payment of the provisions & stock furnished as aforesaid & the said parties of the second part are not to sell or dispose of any portion of the crop without the consent of the said party of the first part or his agent

And it is further agreed by & between the said parties that the said party of the first part is to have the right to discharge any hand or hands for bad conduct or neglect of duty & the said parties of the second part are to have the right to leave the employment of the said party of the first part if they are not satisfied with the treatment they receive

And it is further agreed by & between the said parties that the said party of the first part is to furnish medical attendance & medicine for the said parties of the second part & their families during the present year & the said parties of the second part are to pay for the same out of the crop

And it is further agreed by & between the said parties that the said party of the first part is to furnish a house for each family of the said parties of the second part & the said parties of the second part are to keep the said houses in good repair & to return the same to the said party of the first part at the end of the present year in as good condition as they were when received reasonable wear & tear excepted

And it is further agreed by & between the said parties that the said party of the first part is to furnish a house for the use of a school & a teacher for the children of the said parties of the second part during the present year

And it is further agreed by & between the said parties that the said party of the first part is to furnish a house for the use of Church & Preaching during the present year

And it is further agreed by & between the said parties that the said party of the second part are to be charged with & are to pay for all medicine & medical attendance furnished as aforesaid at the following prices viz Calomel at 50 cts per oz Epsom Salts at 10 cts per lb Quinine at $1.00 per oz Morphine at $1.00 per oz Opium at $1.00 per oz Ipecac at $1.00 per oz Blue Mass at 50 cts per oz Castor Oil at 50 cts per pint Paregoric at 50 cts per pint Laudanum at $1.00 per pint Tartar Emetic at 50 cts per oz Lunar Caustic at $1.00 per oz Camphor at 50 cts per oz Spirits Turpentine at 50 cts per pint Sweet Oil at 50 cts per pint Peruvian Bark at $1.00 per oz Rhubarb at 50 cts per oz Ginger at 10 cts per oz Red Pepper at 10 cts per oz Epsom Salts at 10 cts per oz Alum at 10 cts per oz Copperas at 10 cts per oz Saltpetre at 10 cts per oz Glauber Salts at 10 cts per oz Sulphur at 10 cts per oz Cream Tartar at 50 cts per oz Soda at 10 cts per oz Ginger at 10 cts per oz Allspice at 10 cts per oz Nutmegs at 10 cts per oz Cloves at 10 cts per oz Cinnamon at 10 cts per oz Liniment at 50 cts per pint Laudanum at $1.00 per pint Paregoric at 50 cts per pint Quinine at $1.00 per oz Morphine at $1.00 per oz Opium at $1.00 per oz Ipecac at $1.00 per oz Blue Mass at 50 cts per oz Castor Oil at 50 cts per pint Paregoric at 50 cts per pint Laudanum at $1.00 per pint Tartar Emetic at 50 cts per oz Lunar Caustic at $1.00 per oz Camphor at 50 cts per oz Spirits Turpentine at 50 cts per pint Sweet Oil at 50 cts per pint Peruvian Bark at $1.00 per oz Rhubarb at 50 cts per oz Ginger at 10 cts per oz Red Pepper at 10 cts per oz Epsom Salts at 10 cts per oz Alum at 10 cts per oz Copperas at 10 cts per oz Saltpetre at 10 cts per oz Glauber Salts at 10 cts per oz Sulphur at 10 cts per oz Cream Tartar at 50 cts per oz Soda at 10 cts per oz Ginger at 10 cts per oz Allspice at 10 cts per oz Nutmegs at 10 cts per oz Cloves at 10 cts per oz Cinnamon at 10 cts per oz Liniment at 50 cts per pint Laudanum at $1.00 per pint Paregoric at 50 cts per pint

And it is further agreed by & between the said parties that the said party of the first part is to have the right to deduct from the crop of the said parties of the second part the amount of all provisions & stock furnished as aforesaid at the prices above specified

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State of Ala. } Contract with Freedmen
Montgomery } This indenture witnesseth that I B. F. Davis have this day contracted with the following freedmen to work for me upon the Bell-Mount Plantation in the County of Montgomery for the year 1865 for their food, clothing, house, fuel & medicine attention & such portion of the growing crop as is determined to each of them to be made. Viz. Ned 1/4 part of the whole crop. Dinah & four children food, clothing, house, medicine &c. Randy 1/4 part of the whole crop. Do 1/2 part of one tenth of the whole crop. Lewis 1/2 part of one tenth of the whole crop. Gabe 1/2 part of one tenth of the whole crop. Matilda 1/2 part of one tenth of the whole crop. Randy & Rose children food, house, fuel & medicine. Sally & Child food, clothing, house & medicine. Rose Pregnant & 2 Children. Mary & big Children food, clothing & medicine &c. Rose Pregnant house & attendance.

Ned + Do + Jim + Rose +
Dinah + Lewis + Sally +
Randy + Gabe + Vicy + 152
Randy + Matilda + Vicy +
Mary 3 Children one Share of one tenth of the Whole Crop. The above Crop consists of Corn Wheat, Oats, Rye, Cotton, field Peas, ground Peas, Sugar cane, Rice & the Pork raised.

This is to certify that the above contract was entered into in my presence by and B. F. Davis & this from Montgomery, April 12th 1865. J. A. Davis

Benson & Ps } Contract with Freedmen
Montgomery Co } This indenture made & entered into this the 12th day of April 1865 between B. F. Davis of the County of Montgomery & State of Alabama of the first part & Benson & Ps freedmen of Color of the second part witnesseth. That the said Benson & Ps do hereby covenant with the said first part to labor as faithfully for the said Benson during the remainder of the present year, and to conduct themselves honestly & obediently & do the business said first part may require of them & to be obedient to the orders of said first part or agent of said first part

consideration of the Hire & services of said Benson to furnish said Caroline and Children with food and Clothing & medicine & nursing & medical attendance in sickness & health & to treat them humanely & kindly & to pay to the said party of the first part the sum of Fifty Dollars

his
Wm H Benson
mark

Caroline + Brooks
mark

Entered on 41 Contract with Freedmen
Recorded Dec 4th 1865 & Duncan Agent to Freedmen
Montgomery Ala

Wm H Benson & Caroline Brooks agree to hire Thomas Benson Caroline & Brooks & Children Wm Benson Caroline & Brooks & Children Wm Benson Caroline & Brooks & Children Wm

David R. Mc Cantant-with Freedmen
The State of Alabama } The undersigned La-
Limestone County } bourers do Covenant for them-
selves R & Denia for the Remainder of this
year for their Rations and Family Provisions
of Corn. Meat-Clothing, Rations and Medical at-
tention furnished by Employer.
Robert 45. Sidney 40. Wm 14. Jane 12. Walker
10. Robert 8 - Nat 5 - Lida 9 - Lucy 50 - Mahaley
60 - Aggy 45 - Caroline 12 - Daniel 14 - Jackson 9 -
Mandy 6 - Rosa 20 - Milly 19 - Mary 5 - Jefferson
2 - Dora 43. George 3 - Joseph 19 - R & Denia
R S Meadows
A Parsons

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Freedmen Deed, Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama. This indenture witnesseth-
County of Cantaya } That the Freedmen whose
Names are hereunto annexed, bind for the prosper-
ous Rental Remainder of this County and State of Jessica
during which time to work, labor, and conduct themselves
Peaceably as Laborers ought to do, and Employer
Agrees to furnish said Laborers with Provisions
Clothing, and Medical attention, and Laborers
are to have one half of the corn, fodder, Peas
Potatoes, Rye & Molasses. Also one third part of the
Cotton to be distributed under the direction of the

and Dredon Agreement made this 18th day of June 1866 between
Jon Wallings, as party of the first part, and Jno Dredon
and Wm Bivens of the second part - Witnesseth
that the said Jno Wallings agrees to rent to the said
parties of the second part his farm on which he now lives
for and during the present year 1866 - The said parties
of the second part agree to cultivate the same in a
farmer like manner, and to deliver to the said Jno Wallings
one third of the corn and one fourth of the cotton
raised on said farm - The said parties of the second part
are to have the use of the stock, farming utensils
and provisions now on said farm - The said parties
of the second part are to have the use of the dwelling
house and garden during the present year - The said
parties of the second part are to have the privilege
of cutting wood on said farm for their own use -
Witness our hands and seals this 18th day of June 1866 -
Jno Dredon
Jno Wallings

Alabama } Contract of Freedmen
State of Alabama }
Dallas County } Jno Wallings & Isaac a freedman
aged 19 years, and Wallings agrees to pay Isaac a
and find him eight pounds of corn, furnish him with
food, clothing, fuel & Medical attention for his labor
from this date to the 1st of January next. And Isaac
agrees to labor for Wallings until aforesaid - in consideration
whereof Jno Wallings hands & seals
Witness W G Grimes 1866 Jno Wallings
Jno Dredon

Alabama } Contract with Freedmen
Dallas County }
June 19th 1866 } Mr Russell, Brat & Co make
the following contract with the following
named freedmen. To wit: Hannah is hired to Jno
Wallings until the 1st of January 1867 for
her board, cloth, fuel & Medical attention, and to pay
her eight pounds of corn to
be delivered to him by the 1st of January 1867. Said Hannah is
to labor in a workmanlike manner

NARA 758

Dem. District — Circuit Court

We certify that Hannah was examined and instructed by us and that she voluntarily agrees to the above Contract. — John W Ray
W W Golson

Barbour & Bro } Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama, Articles of agreement between
Barbour County } G W Barbour & Milissa a colored
boy 16 yrs old. Dominic 14 yrs old. Austin 12 yrs old and
Chas Chris 2 yrs old, L & W Barbour the employer.
Promise to pay said Chas & pay all medical bills that
may be necessary during said hire as the birth of the
Indian Crop for their services till the 1st of January
1866. We the undersigned do agree to and to said proposition
and to do faithful work.
Witness — 1556 — Milissa + mark
L & Barbour — Dominic +
L W Barbour — Austin +

Golson & Adkins } Contract with Freedmen
Barbour Co } This indenture made and entered
Alabama } into between Green Golson
of the one part and George fifty one years of age, Jack one
age 25 years, Ben about 22, Amanda 24 years of age
persons of color of the second part, witnesseth that the
said parties of the second part agree to labor for said
parties of the first part during the remainder of the
year. And in consideration of such agreement to furnish
said parties with board, clothing & their Doc" Bills
and allow them the half of any Salvages and fur-
nish them with Mules to Cultivate their Crops
which they have planted and fifteen bushels of
Corn each — & agrees with Green Golson that
about 25 years of age to whom said Golson is to furnish
board & Clothing for himself & 4 Children the oldest of
whom is about ten years of age, said Children to
perform such work as they are able. Mrs Golson
to pay Dr's Bills. Also with Ben about forty years of
age to labor the remainder of the year. Mrs Golson
to furnish board, clothing and Dr" Bills =

[illegible] contract bound & clothing is relevant as
[illegible] been Manual for the said Green Golson to furnish
[illegible] Corn to be paid to said
the above Names George Jack Lucy Ben and Amanda
be paid at the [illegible]
[illegible] 1st of June 1866
I W & M Golson hereby Certify that the within
Contract was entered into in my presence, and
that the persons of Color therein Named were satisfied
at the Instance — 1561 — W & M Golson

Agreement } Contract with freedmen
State of Ala } Articles of agreement entered
Barbour Co } into between John a Republican citizen
of the County and State of the one part and five
colored persons of the other party, to wit: said
John agrees to furnish said boy for his services
during the year, and said boy agrees to be satisfied
with victuals, clothes & reasonable wife —
Witness W A Montgomery — L W Roper
G F Baker — John + mark

Stallings & Ors } Contract with freedmen
State of Alabama } Contract between J. H Stallings
Dallas County } & [illegible] and Lewis & Jim Simp-
son & W Stallings agrees to furnish Lewis & Simp their
[illegible] clothes and Doctors bill for their services the
balance of the present year. & which they do both a-
gree — 1563
Witness W L Hale
W K & Yarborough

Stallings & Ors } Contract with freedmen Dated 11th
State of Alabama Articles of agreement entered in
Dallas County } Stallings & Saunders & Freedmen
Green. L & W Stalling hire contracted and agree to
the Lumber. The corn made on a certain piece of
land, to wit: five acres of land more or less & furnish
with food & clothes & find a Medical attention if
needed and also to give each of the two Children that
are Six years & Under aged one year two bus[illegible]

bro Jasper Hall made to this first day of January A.D. 1867
Lucander a free woman again to labor until
the first day of January A.D. 1868 and the said Jasper Hall
pledge for the said Lucander above mentioned, to remain
with the said bro hands & lands in presence of
Wm H. Simmons 15/8 Lafayette Hall
Manish + Lucander + Lucander + Frederick
Daniel W. H.) Contract with Freedmen
Montgomery Co Ala This is a Contract between W. H.
Hall of the one part & Daniel and laborers on Lot No. Da-
niel Plantation Lucander, Mary, Jasmin and Emily of
the other part Witnesseth that the said Daniel agrees to
furnish corn meal & fishing necessary for farming &c. and
clothes, pay all medical bills and give one fifth & one
fourth corn, cotton & potatoes raised on said plantation
this year 1867 - the said employees and laborers agree
agree to the following Rules & Regulations to which
they bind themselves. Under good faith to remain on the plan-
-tation and engage in any work the said Daniel
or Agent shall require, when not necessary to
cultivate the crop when all lawful orders given by
him or Agent. Not absent themselves from plantation
time without the consent of said Daniel or a
Agent & failure to comply with any of the above de-
-signed to a discharge and forfeiture of wages
due crop.
Emily +
Mary +
Fanny +
Lucander +
Thomas + Mark
Adam + "
Bunker + "
Alfred + "
15/7
W. Hanger
L. L. Bunker
Hall W. H. Contract with Freedmen
State of Ala" & Contract between W. H. Hall & fami
Montg. County Mary Ann, his wife Emeline and
his children Hendrick. W. H. Hall agrees to furnish
Christmas provisions and pay their Doctor's bills &
pay to Ann eight bushels of corn. to Hendrick four
bushels for himself, Emeline & two Children rations &
clothes & Mary Ann bills for rations during the
year of the present year beginning this January

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in 2d day of June, A.D. 1875 before me
Rich'd Jemison Jr. Notary Public in and for Hinds
S. H. Sankey } County, Miss.

Sankey M. D. Contract with Freedmen.

Memorandum of Articles of Agreement between M. D. Sankey
of the one part and Freedmen of the other part.

1st That Sankey agrees to furnish all medical aid and
attendance and furnish all needful medicines for Frank Jones
and family for one year from the 1st day of January next, I also agree to give
Jones Land, Wife and five children 13 bushels corn
and clothes and pay their Medical accounts. The said
Frank agrees to labor faithfully on Sankey's
or engage with some other person and Sankey may
visit, when not employed in the crops, to render
one cost of all work done, and all costs paid &
Jones to comply with above requisitions forfeit and
interest in the contract.

Witness John Sankey
Frank + his mark

(Memorandum) Contract with Freedmen

State of Alabama
Lowndes County } For and in consideration
of annual wages specified
in this Contract, rendered by the following na-
med laborers, I hereby promise to give said
persons, whose names are attached to this contract
clothing, rations, fuel, house and physicians at-
tendance and also to allow them one half of
the net proceeds of their respective crops.

The Consideration of
the above obligation is that the undersigned
promise faithfully and diligently to
perform all necessary duties, and orders of
Overseer in the management and working
of crop - that we will use all diligence in
respecting said contract and observe the respect-
ful obedience to any lawful orders he may give
that we bind ourselves to work every day from
the present time till the 25th of Dec. 1875 except
Sunday evenings and Sundays and that in

Causes of absence from employment- our Names
May be deducted in pro Rata } Lemuel
Witnesses } Lee } Charlotte 1863.
A L Warren Allen Silvey
Thos W Hartley Scott

Lewis Kennard Contract with Freedmen
Contract between
Kennard Lewis & Reynes & Gurney Co. of Alabama
The Undersigned working on the above Plantation Make
binds ourselves to work faithfully and honestly for
said Lewis during the Year of Common Field Labor
Each Hand to receive for one Tenth of the Crop
present year. And in Default of such Labor of any
Labor or Refuse to Labor without just Cause or by Imp
Means. The Person or Persons so leaving or Refusing to
Labor. Shall forfeit individually all right. Title to said
Crop in accordance with the Principles of this Contract
the Causes and Names to be affixed to this Agreement
in the Presence of two Competent Witnesses -
Witness Rillen Gray Kennard Lewis
Jackson Effy Landry Dan. We certify that the above
Caroline Lewis - present on this day and did sign
and Witnessed the above Contract between the parties
Witness Olmin Gray
Wm A McIver Phillip + Mark

Memorandum of Contract made Freedmen
State of Alabama This Contract made and entered
Sedanga County } into this 14th day of June 1865 between
John A Horsley of the County and State aforesaid and
the parties Freedmen whose Names and Marks are
hereunto affixed, Witness, That for and in consideration
of one tenth of Wheat, Corn, Fodder, Field Peas
Sweet Potatoes and Molasses, Made and raised on the
Plantation of the said John A Horsley for the present
year. We agree to labor diligently and faithfully
faithfully for said John A Horsley and conform his di
rections on his Plantation & in the house for day wages
and find ourselves in time to do any work

[illegible] ... [illegible] ... [illegible] ... [

And the said Henry Sloman for himself his heirs
Exors & Admrs doth covenant promise & agree to & with the
said George Young his Exors Admrs & Assigns by these
Presents in manner & form following that is to say
That he the said Henry Sloman his Exors Admrs
& Assigns shall & will from time to time & at all times
during the term of five years to be computed from the
first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred & sixty five, well & truly find & provide
for all & every the Negroes of him the said George Young
mentioned in the Articles of Agreement hereunto annexed
sufficient & wholesome Meat Drink Lodging Clothing
Medicine & Medical Attendance when sick & all other
necessaries fit & convenient for them & each of them
according to the Custom of the Country where they
shall reside & also shall & will pay unto the said George
Young his Exors Admrs & Assigns the sum of Three
hundred & fifty dollars in Money in each & every year
during the said term of five years at the time & in the
manner hereinafter mentioned & appointed for the
payment thereof And the said George Young doth
hereby for himself his Exors Admrs & Assigns covenant
promise & agree to & with the said Henry Sloman his
Exors Admrs & Assigns by these Presents that he the
said George Young his Exors Admrs & Assigns shall
& will from time to time & at all times during the said
term of five years well & truly find & provide for all
& every the Negroes of him the said Henry Sloman
mentioned in the Articles of Agreement hereunto annexed
sufficient & wholesome Meat Drink Lodging Clothing
Medicine & Medical Attendance when sick & all other
necessaries fit & convenient for them & each of them
according to the Custom of the Country where they
shall reside & also shall & will pay unto the said Henry
Sloman his Exors Admrs & Assigns the sum of Three
hundred & fifty dollars in Money in each & every year
during the said term of five years at the time & in the
manner hereinafter mentioned & appointed for the
payment thereof And it is hereby agreed by & between
the said parties to these Presents that the said Negroes
shall be employed in the Cultivation of Cotton only
during the said term of five years And it is hereby
further agreed by & between the said parties to these
Presents that the said Negroes shall be employed
during the said term of five years on the Plantation
of the said George Young in the County of Montgomery
& State of Alabama And it is hereby further agreed
by & between the said parties to these Presents that
the said Negroes shall be employed during the said
term of five years on the Plantation of the said Henry
Sloman in the County of Montgomery & State of
Alabama And it is hereby further agreed by & between
the said parties to these Presents that the said George
Young his Exors Admrs & Assigns shall & will during
the said term of five years find & provide for the said
Negroes of the said Henry Sloman all such Medicine
& Medical Attendance when sick as the said Negroes
shall require & also shall & will during the said term
of five years find & provide for the said Negroes of
the said Henry Sloman sufficient Corn Meal for their
support & maintenance when sick & also shall & will
during the said term of five years find & provide for
the said Negroes of the said Henry Sloman sufficient
Fodder for their Cattle when sick & also shall & will
during the said term of five years find & provide for
the said Negroes of the said Henry Sloman sufficient
Seed Corn for planting the Crop of Cotton & also
shall & will during the said term of five years find &
provide for the said Negroes of the said Henry Sloman
sufficient Seed Cotton for planting the Crop of Cotton
& also shall & will during the said term of five years
find & provide for the said Negroes of the said Henry
Sloman sufficient Land for planting the Crop of Cotton
& also shall & will during the said term of five years
find & provide for the said Negroes of the said Henry
Sloman sufficient Land for planting Corn for their
support & maintenance when sick & also shall & will
during the said term of five years find & provide for
the said Negroes of the said Henry Sloman sufficient
Land for planting Fodder for their Cattle when sick
& also shall & will during the said term of five years
find & provide for the said Negroes of the said Henry
Sloman sufficient Land for planting Seed Corn for
planting the Crop of Cotton & also shall & will during
the said term of five years find & provide for the said
Negroes of the said Henry Sloman sufficient Land for
planting Seed Cotton

[illegible] cent cultivate, and dependent of that raised for Their
[illegible] employer without neglecting their interest -
Geo W McDade
J W Henford } 1630 W W Hudson
Washington -
Speigner Isaiah, Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama } Know all men by these Pres-
Tuscaloosa County } ents, that I Isaiah Speigner of the
State and County aforesaid, in accordance with
the laws and orders of the United States of America
have agreed to give to Isaac, Angy & their four Children
viz Caroline, Sallie, Harriet & Ennie Silas Austin, Albert -
Amos boy, all persons of color who have been in my
employ from A. and who still wish to remain the
ensuing of the Crop raised on my Premises the present
year, Food Clothes and Pay their Doctor bills as rendered -
In Witness R B Jones Isaiah Speigner
and We Isaac & Angy with our 4 Children above
named, Austin, Albert & Amos, all persons of color
agree with the above named Speigner to give him
our Services as Field Hands. One Fourth for Both of the
Crops raised on the Premises the present year. And
we each do hereby Pledge any Horse of Cotton we may
Contract
In Witness
R B Jones } 1635 Isaac +
Angy +
Austin +
Albert +
Amos +

West Virginia } Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama } The following Contract was
Sumter County } This day entered into between
the Virginia Board of said County and the following
named Undersigned Laborers (Freedmen & Women, it is
agreed upon by the Parties of said Board in Consideration
of the Labor of said Freedmen and Women for
the year 1865 - Like the Act of Congress, that the said Freedmen
and Women shall receive medical attendance when sick, at the Cost of
said Laborers during said Period. And also that the
Provision for the helpless Children must be
provided for by the Substitution of said Board with the La-

[illegible] on this part again to work faithfully and [illegible]
[illegible] all proper orders of said Wood or any superior
[illegible] that she may be apt to attend to her business
Negro — name 14 Virginia A Wood
Register No. 1638 Servant
of the Negroes of Certificate } Patient
Evidence

Franklin D G, contract with freedmen
State of Alabama agreement between D G Franklin
Butler County } and the following named Negroes
to wit: Glass, Anthony, Little Abe, Elick, Park, Oliver, and
George and to have the privileges of their patches and re-
main in addition to the above (10) ten dollars each on the
first day of January 1866 Ed. Webb, Richmond
Manly, Linen, Charlotte and Sarah are to remain the pro-
ceeds of their patches and fifty dollars in addition
thereto on the 1st day of January 1866 - Louisa & her 3
Children aged from 2 to 8 years, Adaline & her 3 Children
aged from 4 to 11 years - Nancy & her 2 Children aged fm
1 to 8 years - Lucy & her 2 Children aged from 1 to 8 yrs.
Ellen and her Child aged 2 years are to remain the pro-
ceeds of their patches, and their wearing Clothing, and
Medical attention, and half of every Saturday, and all
are to forfeit their wages for all lost time, the said
agreement to expire on the 31st of Dec 1866 -
Witness Wesley Walton D G Franklin

1646
Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama This Contract made and entered
Autauga County into this 16th June 1865 between
D G Franklin of the County and State aforesaid
and the parties, freedmen whose names are
hereunto affixed, Witness, that for and in con-
sideration of the rights of corn, fodder, Ground Pea,
Peas & Sweet Potatoes Made and Raised on the plan-
tation of said D G Franklin for the present year 1865
he agrees and binds himself to labor diligent
ly & faithfully for him and under his direc-
tion in cultivation for the ensuing year
and [illegible]

...ion of the crops growing and to be grown thereon
...and Making, tending, the same, and to attend to the
...dering Cotton Raising of Stock and all other things
...said plantation, It is agreed that the half of
...Increase be given us, and also that Caboose, & expt-
...ses of Necessities should arise, to Replenish our Labor-
...and it is agreed that for any loss of time from a
...Land faithfully to labor or from Sickness or the Consq-
...ent the Same, or Neglect of said W. L. Burdett labor
...It is agreed that he is to furnish food, Clothing
...and Comfortable Room and Medical attention, and it
...is agreed that said W. L. Burdett own shall be given at
...the end of the present year by the proceeds for the
...Food and Clothing of all Children under eight years
...of age, out of our portion of the present crops -

W. L. McBurdett

Entered and Recorded
January 11th A.D. 1865
at 4 o'clock P.M.
Wm. Scarborough Clerk

Contract with Freedmen

The following agreement which is presented for the
ratification has been consented to, and assented by the
undersigned freedmen, I agree to give one fifth of the
crops and the privilege of cultivating a portion of my
land & other Requirements according to the Rules set-
forth in the Regulations of Freedmen Bureau -

Wm. Simpson Billie Jones - Aged 2 Children
Henry Simpson Billie " Lizzie " 2 "
Bryant- Sheldon Nancy
Elisha Simpson Sheldon Littleton
Aaron

agrees to support them in the Necessary food, Clothing
and Medical attention

Thos. Gordon
W. L. Simpson

Transcribe Plain Part again to work for it faithfully and to
keep all proper orders of said Board or any superior
Superintendent that they may be apt to attend to their business
Witness — Jane 14th 1848 Virginia A Ward
Signed with Private
& Public Signs of Contractor } 1638 Dennis +
Peter +
Caden +

Franklin D G, Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama Agreement between D G Franklin
Butler County } and the following named negroes
to wit: Glass, Anthony, Little Abe, Elick, Tasker, Olivia, Anne
George and to serve the privileges of Plain Potatoes and Re-
Cornin addition to the above all Corn and clothes each on the
first day of January 1848 2½ gals. Ind. Webb, Richmond
Manly, Linen, Charlotte and Sarah are to receive the pro-
ceeds of Plain Potatoes and fifty dollars in addition
thereto on the 1st day of January 1849 - Louisa & her 3
Children aged from 2 to 8 years, Adalia & her 3 Children
aged from 1 to 11 years - Nancy & her 3 Children aged from
1 to 8 years - Lucy & her 2 Children aged from 1 to 8 years -
Ellen Anderson Chick aged 2 years are to receive the pro-
ceeds of Plain Potatoes, and Plain Corn, Clothing, and
Medical attention, and half of corn & fodder, and all
are to forfeit their Wages for all lost time, the said
Agreement to be in force on the 31st of Dec 1848 -

Allen Under Overseer 1646 D G Franklin
Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama This Contract made and entered
Autauga County into this 16th June 1848 between
D G Franklin of the County and State aforesaid
and the parties, Freedmen whose names are
hereunto affixed, Witness, that for and in Con-
sideration of one eighth of Corn, fodder, Ground Pea
Peas & Sweet Potatoes Made and Raised on the plan-
tation of said D G Franklin for the present year 1848
he agrees and binds himself to labor diligent
ly & faithfully for him and under his direc-
tion & superintendence for the time & per day in the
manner hereinafter mentioned the said

ion of the crops growing and to be grown thereon
and Making, Curing, & the same, and to attend to the
doing actual Raising of the Crop and all other things
said plantation, It is agreed that the hands of
shall be employed, and also that a Boat, & expt-
ses of Provisions should arise, to Require our Labor-
and it is agreed that for any loss of time from a
and faithfully to labor on from any of the Causes
at the Planters or Neglect of said Wm L Burdett labor
It is agreed that he is to furnish food, Clothing
and Nursing Room and Medical attention, and it
is agreed that said Wm L Burdett own shall be paid at
end of the present year by the Planters for the
and Clothing of all Children under eight years
ages, out of our portion of the present Crops -

Wm L Wm L Burdett

Entered and Recorded
this 16th day of June 1865
Freedmen Bureau
Scarborough Clerk

Lewis +
Peter +
Julia +
Wm Francis +
Mark +
Charles +
Henry +

Contract with Freedmen

The following agreement made & entered into for the
ification was mutually Consented to, and signed by the
ants in my Landlady. I agree to give one fifth of the
s and the privilege of cultivating a portion of my
and other Requirements according to the Rules set-
from the Regulations of Freedmen Bureau -
Lewis Sampson Billie Lewis - Mark & 2 Children
Alfred Billie Lizzie - & 2 Children
Louisa Bryant Judith Lizzie & 2 "
Elisha Shem Tony
Abe Judith Littleton
agree to support them & give them Food, Clothing
and Medical attention

Wm L Burdett
Wm L Sampson

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1675

Baldwin I R, Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama } Thomas R Baldwin & others
Montgomery County } Contract, for furnishing house
room, fuel, and Medical Attendance to Dave and
the crops on all gathered on the plantation of said
Baldwin, and Dave agrees to labor in and about
said plantation and make the crops and all gathered
according to Regulations issued from the Freedmen
Bureau at Montgomery Ala = Dave is to receive no
other pay except room Mentioned
Witness our hands this 15th June = Dave +
witness A G Fidler
L M Buchanan } 1676 I R Baldwin

Zeigler Henry, Contract with Freedmen
The State of Ala } Articles of agreement between
Autauga County } Henry & Zeigler and his hands
said Zeigler agrees on his part to furnish land &
feed, tools, and furnish horses & feed them to work
the crops, board & clothe said hands and pay all Dr Bills
and the said hands, Dick and Henry agree
on their part to work the crops, to make good and
faithful hands and not leave any time except in sick
-ness, and gather it for one fourth of the crops that is
raised. We also bind ourselves to do all the work
on the plantation that is necessary up to Jan 1st 1866
Sarah, Jemima and five Children agree to labor
for their board & clothing up to Jan 1st 1866 -
Witness = L G Zeigler. Henry + Zeigler.
A Pryor June 19th 1865 1677

Phillips Robin, Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama In accordance with instructions from
Dallas County } Superintendent of Freedmen under
date of May 29th 1865. Montgomery Ala I have this day
entered into a Contract with Eliza a laborer upon the
following terms. to wit: for her faithful discharge of
labor and obedience to all orders. I contract to furnish
her rations and Clothing, fuel and house & Medical
attention, term of service to expire 25th Dec 1865 -
1680 John Phillips

Test L J Creathon. Eliza + her mark
John H Adinger.
Eliza was formerly a slave of Mr John Sanders &
now has three children under ten years old to take care of
A McFarland, Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama In accordance with instructions
Butler County } from Superintendent of Freedmen
under date May 29th 1865. Montgomery Ala I have this
day entered into a Contract with Diamantha a laborer
upon the following terms, to wit: for her faithful dis-
charge of labor and obedience to all orders. I contract
to furnish her five bushels of corn and eight pounds
of bacon and three gallons of sirup, in addition
to the above furnish her with rations and clothing
and Medical attention, term of service to expire on
the 25th Dec 1865. A McFarland
Test Ross Cullen Diamantha + Mark
R M White
Diamantha was formerly a slave of Mrs S G King
Milly & Malinda, Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama Contract made and entered
Lowndes County } into between Malinda Smith &
her four children, viz: York 10 years of age, Hamil-
-ton seven years and two & Children Condon fifteen years.
Dick 11 years old, Lavina 6 years, Frank four years.
I agree to live to York & Hamilton, six and two of
Hamilt Children the product of three acres of corn
three of potatoes now in cultivation, also find, Cloth &
pay the Physicians bills and furnish them with
houses for them and their Children for the present
year, to be divided proportionally according the in-
-dustry of said laborers - We said laborers agree to
take the product of the three acres of corn and
one of potatoes for our services the present year
and agree faithfully to discharge our duties according
to the Labor Regulations of 29th May 1865. to us this
indenture up to date the 19th June 1865.
Witness Malinda Smith = York +
R M Brantley 1681 Hamilton Dick =

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Williams L) Contract with Friedman
State of Alabama Contract made and entered into
Lowndes County this 30 June 1866 by and between
Lum Williams and Jim
Freedman Servant Woman 30 years, & the said Williams
agrees to give the said Woman Rosa ten Dollars and to find
said Woman Rosa Boy Bill Board, and
with Lawful Clothing for which the 1st Jan next—
The undersigned Laborer agrees to the above Con-
tract for my Labor for the 1st Jan next and faithfully
serve said Williams under Labor Regulations of 21
May 1865 & to which I have set my Hand
Witness—
E Rountree

1866

Lum Williams
Rosa + Woman

Coker W) Contract with Friedman
State of Alabama Contract made and entered into
Lowndes County this 30th June 1866 by and
between Friedman of the one part and Wm
Coker of the other part Witnesseth that the
said Friedman agrees to give the said Coker
18 Dollars and one Bale. Lawful Clothing agrees to
give said Woman Judy One hundred lb Corn, and one
hundred pounds of pork, two pounds Coffee and Two
lb Sugar, Clothing and four
Bill one Journey
Woman with Issues and Food for all Lawful Work the 1st
January next—
Wm Coker

The Undersigned Laborer agrees to the above Con-
tract for one year from the 1st Jan next and faithfully
serve the said Coker under "Labor Regulation" of 21
May 1865 & to which I have set my Hand
Witness—
Witness W. H. Friedman
H. H. Baker

Judy +
Jerry +
Dick +

Smith Lewis) Contract with Friedman
State of Alabama This indenture Made and en-
tered into this 30th June 1866 by and
between A. Smith of the State and County of the first
part and Lewis Person Boy, Dyson, Jerry, Eddy,
Wm, Jesse, Charles, Edy, Amy, Ann and Nancy and
also Victoria and her Five Children Susan, Ellen

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Jerry +
Dick +

Lewis Person Boy, Dyson, Jerry, Eddy, Wm, Jesse, Charles, Edy, Amy, Ann and Nancy and also Victoria and her Five Children Susan, Ellen

Woman Indentured who is a Mulatto Girl about 4 feet 8 inches high aged about Twenty years old of the Black Race & Victoria with her Children Judy Dick aged about Seven years, and Lewis Boy Person aged about Five years old, is to remain with Mrs. Key and do such Domestic Service for the Consideration of Board, Subsistence, Clothing and Medicine in Sickness and in Health &c, Pleasing for the Comfort of herself and Children for six Months from the Date hereof the Woman Victoria that this Contract be considered binding Witness my Hand & Seal this 1st Jan 1866. Witness

Eliza Key
Victoria + Woman

Witness R. E. Haley
Jno. A. Ellis

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Gilliam L. Contract-with Freedmen

State of Alabama C

Lowndes County E

Freedmen desirous to Rent

Agree to give Written

Contract and Pay

with Lowndes Co Ala

The undersigned La

Rent for Pay Labor

Lease said Williams

May 1 A.D. to which

J W Locke

E Robertson

Locke No 1 Contract

State of Alabama

Lowndes County E

Freedmen desirous to Rent

Lease and Hire from

18 y.s. And we Said

give Our Bond and Surety

Executed Promise of

to pay. Cotton and

Return with Interest

Lowndes Co Ala.

We the undersigned La

Rent for our Labor and

Lease Plantation said Locke under "Labor Regulation" of 21

May 1 A.D. to which we have set our hands this 19

June 1 A.D. -

Witness W W Pruitt

G W Locke

1870

Sandy +

Grey +

Eday +

Smith Daniel No 1 Contract-with Freedman

State of Alabama

Lowndes County E

Daniel St Smith of the State and County of the first

Part and Celia Penina Pony Dyer. George Eddy

Charles Eday. Jerry. Ann and Nancy Cr

parties of the Second Part Witnesseth

and Eliza of the second part witnesseth that the said party of the first part and second part for themselves and each agree as follows. to wit the parties of the second part agree to serve the said party of the first part faithfully as laborers during the remainder of the year 1865 and obey all lawful commands of the party of the first part, or their agent touching their duties as laborers on said farm. In consideration of the agreement the parties of the first part agree to furnish food, Clothing and medicine attention when sick, and in addition thereto pay to the parties of the second part 1/10 part of the growing crop that is 1/10 of the corn, fodder, peas, potatoes, sorghum, Rice and cotton also 1/10 of the pork & lard (clear or bacon) for such labor duly and faithfully performed.

In witness whereof the said parties of the first and second part have hereunto set their hands & affixed their seals on this the day and year above written. Charles Edy D. F. Smith
Witness Wiley Atty. Ann 1702 Perry & Adelphia
S. E. Smith Virginia Dyana Green
Tenyer Lesse

Key Flora Contract with Freedmen

Greenville Ala. This following contract is this day June 7th 1865 Voluntarily entered into between Mrs Flora Key of the one part and the colored woman Anchonia who is a Prince Class servant Count Prince four years old of the other part. Anchonia with her Children Indy ten years old, George four years, and David two years old, is to remain with Mrs Key and do the usual demin for the consideration of a home, subsistence, Clothing and Nursing in sickness and in health, Necessary for the Comfort of herself and Children. It is further agreed with the Woman Angonia that this instrument be considered binding till June 1866. To which Mrs Key agrees Flora Key
Witness K. T. Haley 1703 Angonia + Mark
Jno. A Ellis

D. H. Bardelaben Ag. Contract with Freedmen
Robinson Springs This is to certify that I have
Jan. 21st 1866 This day hired the following
Named Freedmen, Sam, Chas. Wesley & Morning
to labor for me until the 1st. January Next. for which
I agree & promised to give them 1/4 of the Corn
Peas, and Sweet potatoes that they may make on
my farm, also to furnish them with Clothing, pro-
-visions, fuel & Medicine attendance.
attest- William H. D. Bardelaben
H. C. Kennedy.

Shields Rebecca I, Contract with Freedmen
Jan 21st 1866 I hereby certify that I Rebecca I.
Shields have agreed to feed, Clothe and give them ne-
-cessary medical attendance, houses & fuel & they
to work on my farm & Garden & give them 1/4 of the Corn
attest- W. O. Shields 1908 Hamett

Greenville Ala 1st Jan 1866 In accordance with Regulations
Butler County } from the Superintendent of Freed-
-men bearing date 24th May 1865 Montgomery Ala I
have this day entered into the following Contract with
the following laborers, and upon the following terms
Charles a Negro man 35 years and his wife Rachael 40 years
with 4 small Children, for the term of this labor I
do agree to furnish them rations, Clothing, houses, fuel
and Medicine attendance, and with Cash a Man 25
years. Lewis 28. Jim 28. Ephraim 20. Catherine 30
three Children, Ben 20, and Child, Anne 16 years
of age. Hamett 35 and 2 Children Thomas and
Dalton and Henry aged 11 and 12 years. for the
services of said freedmen I am to furnish Rations
houses fuel and Medicine attention and give
one fourth of the Corn made on the premises for
the present Year 1865 = 1911

Test Louis Daniel + + + + Louis + Clayton +
+ Frank + Charles + Sarah + Louis +
+ Harriet + Rachael + Capt + Lain +
Thos + Nelly + Ephraim + Wathmin + Benn +

Thereon Bill contract-with Friedmen
Dale County Ala } of Lands &c. between Bill McP.
Person of the County and State aforesaid of the first-
part and Jack. Gram. and Diana Friedmen of the second
part witnesseth That the said party of the second part agree
to and with party of the first part to labor for himself
the ensuing Crop Year the Crop is made and gathered, and
such other work as may be necessary on and about a
farm Made the 15th of December commencing on Nov 25th
day last and to be diligent and Practical during said
time as laborers. And the party of the first part agrees to
pay said party of the second part food, Clothing, Lodging
and Physician Medical attendance and the
benefits of all Stock among crop. when the same will be
necessary for said Labor. In witness whereof the parties
to these Presents have put their hands & seals the day
and year above written

N McPherson [13] Jack +
Grace +
Lewis +

Test John McPherson

Clerks Office Dale Cty Ala } I do hereby certify that the
within Contract was filed in my office for record
this 26th day of Dec 1865

Thos Ridgeway Clerk

Dale County } This Agreement made and entered
into this 15th day of January 1866 between Louis &
Grace of the County and State aforesaid of the first-
part and George Diana and Lucia and their daughter aged
about 7 years Friedmen & Woman of the second part witness
that the said party of the second part agree with the
said party of the first part to labor for him the ensuing
year commencing 25th day and to be diligent & practical as
laborers during said time, and party of the first part
agrees to pay said party of the second part by virtue of
their contract George 20 dollars Julia 8 dollars together
with the necessary food and clothing, House room and
fuel and if necessary Medicine Attendance in witness
whereof the parties to these presents have set their

Entered and sealed this 19th day of June 1865.
Las. H. Clark Seal
Capt. Lt Bureau } 171
E. L. Clarke } 3
Geo. + Mark
Indian "

Hill W S, Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama } Articles of agreement made
Monty" County } & entered into this 17th of June
A D 1865, between W S Hill of same Post Comd & freed-
-man William of the other part. 1st the above named
freedmen bind myself to render faithful service to
W S Hill, to obey all reasonable orders, show proper re-
-spect to the family Mrs Hill same family, to look after
his interest, same all respects be diligent, faithful em-
-ployed, and conduct themselves laborers, and for-
-failure to comply with the above obligations, I agree
to forfeit the consideration herein set forth
and Hill binds himself to furnish said freed-
-man in consideration of the above premises fur-
-nish provisions, groceries, Clothing, Medical attendance, Ten
dollars in Current Money and all the potatoes raised
on 1/2 acre of ground. 3d We mutually agree that the
above obligations shall be binding and in full force &
effect until the 25th day of Dec'mber next provided there is no
legislative action rendering this obligation null & void
Test Lt Benj F Baker
Charles Allen + mark
W S Hill
William + mark

Chenny G W, Contract with Freedmen
Ala Dale County } Articles of agreement between G W
June 19th 1865. } Chenny on the first part and freed-
-men laboring on said plantation of the second part
Witnesseth that said freedmen agree to labor faithfully on the plantation
of G W Chenny and render every assistance necessary
for the benefit of the crop until the 25th of December
1865 = And said G W Chenny agrees to give the above
named freedmen for their services and clothing as here-
inbefore specified =
Test Lt Adam
L P Reeves
G W Chenny
Hermitage
= said Chenny agrees to furnish said

Lodging, Board Room, Fuel and Medical Attendance if necessary

Title R. L. Contract with Freedmen

State of Ala. Articles of Agreement entered into by Maintg" by & between R. L. Hall of Vicksburg Post & Virginia Freedmen of 1st part; & 3 years old. Sarah Ann 14. Elizabeth 12 years old. on the above named Freedmen bind themselves to remain on the premises of R. L. Hall and render him faithful service & to obey all reasonable orders. & conform properly & respectfully to said R. L. Hall and family. look after his interest. and in all respects be diligent & faithful and industrious & industrious laborers. and for failure to comply with the above obligations we agree to forfeit the consideration hereinafter set forth. said R. L. Hall on his part hereby agrees to furnish the above named Freedmen with Rations, Medicine, Clothing, Quarters and Medical Attention and 40 bushels Corn or 40 dollars.

We agree that the above obligations shall be binding and in full force and effect until 1st Jan" 1866 Witness Witness our legal signatures & seals hereto affixed =

R. L. Hall
Do + Mark
Wesley + his

Test John T. Baker
Wm. H. Haynes 1724

(All Cases) Contract with Freedmen

State of Ala" Articles of Agreement made & entered into Co. Warren 17th 1865 between Isaac Hall for the one part & Freedmen laboring on his plantation for the other part. Billy 25 years old able plough. Sarah 26. Sarah 30 - 3 children under 8 years - The Freedmen as above named agree to labor faithfully on the plantation of Isaac Hall render every assistance necessary for the security of the crop until 25th of Dec"

1st - That said Isaac Hall agrees to give them the 1/4 th of the Crop of Corn & Potatoes on the faithful performance of their duty as prescribed by regulations issued by the Assistant Superintendent of Freedmen.

2nd Said Hall agrees to furnish them with Medicine & Attendance

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1724

Witness
Lee, Madison + his
R. W. Walton
Billy + mark

Smith T. J. contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama } Know all men by these presents
Tuscaloosa County } That we the undersigned freedmen
of said County and State do by this instrument of writing oblige ourselves to remain and work on
T. J. Smith of the County and State aforesaid on the
following terms, to wit: We are to have our provisions
clothing, medical attendance, house rent and fuel in
accordance with the labor regulations prescribed by
Thos. W. Conway general superintendent of Freedmen
for Alabama, and the said Smith is to give
for our labor, rendered one eight part of the crop now
growing on his farm, except the cotton which
said part to be given shall be delivered to us as
the picking as may be practicable, provision it-
self to be delivered by 15th June 1865 = Henry + Beck +
Vale + Lee + Taylor + Daniel + Green + Sally +
Crawford + Betsy + Jones + Henry + Sid +
Miranda + Dora + Ann + Ellen + Emma + Mary + Jane +
and we said laborers agree to work for said Smith
for the following terms and considerations, to wit =
He to furnish provisions, clothing, medical attendance
house-rent and fuel = Ann + Elizabeth, Mobile +
Georgia + Emmett + Lesse + Harriett
and I, Green do contract and agree to remain and
work for said Smith upon the following terms and
stipulations, to wit; said Smith is agree to furnish cloth
and pay medical Bills, and give all I can make
in the Corn Crop over and above the Crop neces
ry for the families of the said T. J. Smith, Dr
Smith and Dr L. P. Smith about 60 panes, and I for
Green obligate myself to work out all the cotton in
Corn and part it in a condition to be marketed that
and said Smith is to furnish such help as I need
picking the cotton = In witness whereof I the for
have hereunto my hand = Green + mark =

I Thomas G Smith do hereby certify that I have this
day entered into the foregoing contract with the free
men who wish to remain on my place for the
remainder of the year 1865 and I will give them
the Compensation named June 2nd 1865 = T. G Smith
State of Alabama } I, L. A Thompson and I, A
Tuscaloosa County } Thompson of the County and
State hereby certify that the foregoing contract
was voluntarily entered into between T. G Smith
and the Freedmen whose names are hereto fore
signed on the other part; This the same June 2nd 1865 =
L A Thompson
1744 L A Thompson

Robinson John G. contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama } Articles of agreement made and en-
Dale County } tered into between Jno. G Robinson of
the one part, and freedmen laboring on his Plantation
the other part - Frank 11 years, Clay 16, Taylor 14, Henry
Peter aged 43, Miranda 12 years, The Freedmen as above
named agree to labor faithfully on the plantation of
G Robinson and render all assistance necessar
to secure the crop till the 25th Dec. 1865 - The said Ro-
binson agrees to give them ½ one third of the corn and
fodder of the present growing crop, on their faithful
performance of duty as prescribed by the assistant Su-
perintendent of the Freedmen Bureau
Said Robinson agrees to furnish food, clothing, fuel
and Medical attendance if necessary - in witness
whereof, these presents have hereunto set their hands
this 16th of June 1865 - John G Robinson
Contract Geo. E Allen 1750 Dennis + his
L. F. Millen Lewis +

Henderson, contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama Articles of agreement entered into
Dale County between James Allen of one part
and freedmen laboring on his Plantation of the part-
ies as agents. Sam 62 years, Dick 26, Tom 16, Peter 16
Tom 40 " Lee " 35 " Charles 19, Louis 35, Henry 9
Tom 13 " Dennis " 3 " Green 16, Lucy 25

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The freedmen as above named agree to labor faithfully
on the plantation of Dennis Allen, and render such
assistance necessary for the security of the crop until
the 25th day of Dec 1865 - And Dennis Allen agrees to
give them one tenth of the corn, rice, potatoes & the
present growing crop on the fulfilment of the
duty as prescribed by Regulations issued by the Asst Sup
Superintendent of the Freedmen Bureau - said
Allen agrees to furnish food, clothing, House room &
fuel & Medical attendance if necessary - In witness
whereof the Parties to these presents hereunto set their
hands & seals this 16th day June 1865 -

Dd. Allen Seal
Lewis + Dennis -
1764
Attest Geo. L Allen

Hatton John, Contract with Freedmen

Know all men by these articles of agreement entered into
this 25th day of June 1865 between John Hatton on the first part and
freedmen laborers on his plantation for the second
part: Sindy 28 years, Sarah 32, Richard 14, Matthew
& Adam above named agree to labor faithfully on
the plantation of John Hatton in rendering every
necessary assistance for the security of the crop
until the 20th of December 1865 - The said Hatton
agrees to give the above named Freedmen one fifth
part of the crop as their share for their faithful performance
of their duty as laid down in the regulations of the Asst
Superintendent of Freedmen Bureau -
And John Hatton agrees to
give them food, clothing, house room, Sindy +
fuel & Medical attendance Sarah + Richard +
1765

Dunningham R) Contract with Freedmen

This document made this 20th between Dennis -
Eliza, Olivia, Adam, Mod, Betsy, Hannah, Virginia -
Big Adam, Amanda, Thomas, Lilly, Amanda, Bailey
Colored persons of Warren County Alabama of the
first part, and R. Dunningham of the said County
and State aforesaid, part the said colored persons
bound in consideration of the covenant on the part
of the said parties of the second part hereinafter

New Hartshorne of the said Cunningham as laborers
and house servants - and Covenant each one with
the said Cunningham that they will faithfully, punc-
tually and diligently supply themselves, and perform
the duties of laborers and servants and every other
reasonable Commands and wishes of the said Cun-
ningham until 25th day Dec next - and the said
Cunningham in consideration of the Covenants on the
part of the parties of the first part, doth Covenant and
agree with the said parties of the first part, that he
will provide them for the term aforesaid as laborers
and servants, obligating himself in consideration
the same to conform to his farming operations
& comply with the labor Regulations published
by this Dept. viz: Furnish food, Medicine, clothing
&c for themselves and also for their families not
enumerated above, when enumerated, Children over
12 years of age, half rations, the same hereunto set our hands
and seals the day and year above written -
Signed in presence of
J. R. B. Kimble, Maria + D. Cunningham
G. L. Clark, Big Adam + Eliza +
Amanda + Green +
Lilly + Little Adam
Hannah + Bailey + Bob Betsy

Wing and Mary, Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama in accordance with instruc-
Pickens County tions from Montgomery, It is
agreed between Mary Wing and a citizen of the
County and State aforesaid for the term Post and
Adam, Olivia, Sam Olivia, John Olivia and Becky
Wing and with four small children, freedmen of the
United States, the said Mary Wing and to take
them into employ, the said Adam, Olivia, Sam Olivia
John Olivia and Becky Wing and said Freedmen
and for service faithfully rendered by them to
provide them with proper Medical attendance
nurses and food, victuals and clothes, and one
third of the Corn produced by them - In witness

This Agreement Between James Brandt Dec'd & Mary Wingender &
Co. of the 2d day of June A.D. 1865 Witness
Contract L. H. Perkin Stokes & Olivers
L. P. Walling " Sam + "
1785 Lohen + "
Beck + "

Prin Sarah A, Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama, We the undersigned Freedmen
Lowndes County. Men and Laborers of the
State and County aforesaid do Contract with the
undersigned Sarah A Prin as follows, We the un-
dersigned do Contract and Stipulate to labor faithfully
with due diligence for our Employer L. H. Prin until the
25th of Dec next, and faithfully promise to Conduct-
ourselves in a Orderly - honestly - and upright Way. And
to obey Strictly all orders, and do all we can for the
joint interest of both Employer and Employee. And
Prin agrees to furnish Food, Rations, Clothing and Med-
ical attention for ourselves and Children, and in
addition thereto to give the Laborers herein employed
one tenth of the growing Crops. Signed June 17th 1865.
Witness Sarah A Prin
Dick +
Pinkney +
Maria +
Mary +
Peter +
Ann +

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Hobby Lemmy, Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama, Articles of Agreement made
Lowndes County } and entered into this 19th day
of June 65 between Lemmy Hobby and his family
Laborers, Same and his State Children, one Boy
Stan about under 11 years. said Lemmy Hobby pro-
mises to feed and clothe and furnish Prin with hom-
stead and pay physician bills. and said Laborers a-
gree to faithfully discharge their duties as Servants.
said Lemmy Hobby the remainder of this year.
Witness James D Crawford) Lemmy + Hobby

Articles of Contract with Freedmen

Covington County. Articles of agreement between
Jan 11th 1866 R Moss Joseph Hamilton Jane Jones
Green. Do promise and agree to furnish provisions
Feed, Fuel & Clothing and pay Unto Doctor P. Bill Amos
Ten dollars for this year and give them Fifty pounds
Lint Cotton =

Bill 45 years
Martha his wife 30 years
Richard 11 years
Mary 9 "
Silpha 8 "
Caroline 6 "
Emmeline 4 Months

Joseph Hamilton
Jane Jones
Bill 45 years
Martha his wife 30 years
Lucy 12 about 20 years

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The above named Freedmen do promise and agree
to Stay and work with Moss Jones the Ensuing year
for their victuals and clothing and Doctor Bill Amos
ten dollars, and to have two Bales of Cotton
Lint as their part of the crop and no more

Bill + Frank
Martha + "
Lucy + "

Witness to Signatures
attest L M Cannon
John Cooper

State of Alabama This indenture made and
entered into this 22d day of June A D 1865
between the Citizens of the first part, and Freedmen
of Colored persuasion, Citizens of the second part.
Witnesseth, That parties of the first and second part
have agreed as follows, to wit: Said parties of the se-
cond part agree to serve said parties faithfully and diligently
said parties of the first part in the capacity of and
labor during the remainder of the present year:
in all things honest and lawful, commands, to be done during the
hours of business which may be required, and said
parties of the first part in consideration of the pre-
mises set forth, promise and agree to furnish the
said parties of the second part with food, clothing, fuel, and
medical attention which sick and diseased to the

during the remainder of the present year, and in addition thereto in cases to pay Indemnity of the said parties of the second part from dollars per month from the 2d day of May 1864 to the 31st day of December following on behalf of the amount to be due and payable on the 1st of August and the 1st of October of said year and the remaining half of said amount on the 1st of January 1865. And the said parties of second part severally, Charles and Caroline are minors under Twenty years of age, and are represented in this contract by their mother Delia.

In testimony whereof the Parties of the 1st 2d & 3d part have hereunto set their hands and seals on the day and year above written.

1864

Wm H. Worthington [seal]
Amelia " [seal]
Delia " [seal]

Leon Zeigler [seal]

Be it remembered, that on this 4th day of May A.D. 1864 before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the State of Louisiana Iberville County personally came and appeared the within named Wm H. Worthington Amelia Worthington and Delia Worthington parties of the first part and Leon Zeigler party of the second part to me personally known to be the same persons who executed the within contract and acknowledged the same to be their act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned and the said Wm H. Worthington Amelia Worthington and Delia Worthington parties of the first part and the said Leon Zeigler party of the second part severally and each for himself and herself respectively covenanted and agreed to and with each other as follows to wit that the party of the second part promises and agrees to remain with the said Wm H. Worthington Amelia Worthington and Delia Worthington during the remainder of the present year, and to perform faithfully and diligently during the remainder of the present year the duties of a laborer on a plantation, and to obey all just and reasonable commands, touching said labor or business and to faithfully perform any work or labor required of him by the said Wm H. Worthington during the remainder of the present year, without any loss of time and to make deductions for all loss of time, and the said Wm H. Worthington parties of the first part agree in consideration of the premises and agreements of said Leon Zeigler to furnish sufficient wholesome attendance when sick, food and lodging to him in the house of said Leon Zeigler, and in addition thereto the said parties of the first part agree to pay to said Leon Zeigler the sum of

[illegible] during the remainder of the present year
[illegible] to pay the same at the year viz: on the 1st day
[illegible] and the said Smith is to furnish him
[illegible] clothing, and the said profits of the first and de-
[illegible] said goods as aforesaid that when the said Albert Smith
[illegible] shall lose or fail to work a day, that fifty cents p day
[illegible] shall be deducted for every day he lost during the
remainder of the present year. And the said Robt
(Green promises to treat the said Albert Smith
humanely in testimony whereof the parties first and
[illegible] and first mentioned to these presents have hereunto
[illegible] the 21st day of June A D 1865
[illegible] signed Sealed and
[illegible] ing in presence of 1865 Jan 4 Green
O. S. G Dodson Albert Smith

[illegible] Contract with Freedmen

I hereby agree to employ in my service Robt
Green a Colored man from the 1st day of January
1866 to provide for him in accordance with the regul-
ating Regulations governing Contracts with Freed-
men, and to give him the fifth part of the pro-
ducts of my farm during the present year after
deducting the ganden 1866
to Montgomery Ala
January 17 1865 attest - A G Hemmung

I Robt on my part am willing to agree with
Mr Thomas to remain on her Ranch till 25th
inst for the fifth that is made to perform
any kind of labor that I may be directed to do by
his employer or his agent -
his
Robt + Green
mark
Thomas L Branan

Contract with Freedmen

State of Alabama This Indenture made and en-
Tuscaloosa County tered into on the 15th day of June
A D 1865 between Asbury & Jones of the first part and
Jason, Henry, Sallie, Caroline, Emmett, and Infant
Child of the same part Persons of Color
formerly Slaves of Mrs V Bradley Witnesseth that

the said parties of the first part covenant & agree
& each with the other as follows to wit: That the said parties of the
second part agree to serve said party of the first-
part diligently & faithfully in the capacity of
servants for & during the remainder of the pres-
ent year: and to obey all of the first part lawful
commands touching the labor business which may
be required of them, and to diligently & faith-
fully perform any work or do any kind of busin-
ess required of them by the said party of the first part
during the remainder of the present year. And the
said first party in consideration of the premises and
agreements of the said party of the second part to abov-
ed for the premises and agree to furnish said parties
of the second part food, clothing, fuel, medical attendan-
ce & medicine & nurses to him in during the remainder
of the present year, and in addition thereto to pay unto
the said parties of the second part one third part of all the crops of every
kind by cropping hogs made and gathered on the
plantation of the first party on which they are
engaged working, and to pay unto said parties one
third of all the moneys made by parties of second-
part in cutting and hauling wood: and to said-
said parties of the second part severally. Thirty
six years. Dorothia Sumrall and Charley are minors
under the age of eleven years. and represented in
this contract by their father and mother Nelson and
Sallie in testimony whereof the of the first and se-
cond party have set our hands and seals this 15th -
day of June A D 1910 -

Attest
C & G Davis

Nelson +
Sallie +

Bozeman W. E. } Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama } Know all men by these presents
Conecuh County } That I W. E. Bozeman of the 8th
Beat 2nd Beat Freemen of the P. post have entered
into the following contract and agreement, viz. I
the said W. E. Bozeman to furnish clothing, rations

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...ed. houses. and pay Dr.s Bill of the following names
...dmen. to wit: Zack age 34 years. Dick 37. Esq min 27.
...t age 27. Stephen age 13. and pay the above named
...edmen, as follows (to) one hundred of the crop consisting
...20. in Number and twenty acres of corn, sixty five
...res planted in Cotton (12) Twelve acres in Sweet
...ger Corn 3. three acres in potatoes = Said Bige-
...man agrees to furnish Rations, fuel, and provide Medi-
...cal attendance for same 47 yrs. with 4 Surplus Chil-
...dren Eliza 30 - with 4 Surplus Children. Francis 24 yrs.
...with 3 Surplus Children Martha 34 years. Florida 16
...rs. Mary 14 yrs. Permelia age 12 years -
...said Zack Pearson with the above named Freed-
...men do and Freedwomen agree to work faithfully the
...ms each day in Succession, during the current year. half of
...ch Saturday and Sunday excepted at any work he
...Pearson may wish to have done on his plantation
...elsewhere, all lost time to be deducted from -
...witness or otherwise. Central Institute June 13th
...Lewis + Pyle 1819 W. G. Bergeman
A. B. Mallory Zack + Mark

...is Mary D. Contract with Freedmen
...State of Alabama. This agreement witnesseth That
...Counties County of Mary D Lewis as employer
...the following persons. to wit: Zack, Charles, Martin,
...Jeffrey, Mary, Louisa, Margaret, Jane, Lucy Smith
...ker, Bill, Sarah, Isham, Franklin, Hattie, Hannah Thom-
...son Turner, Fanny Turner + Isham Marshall -
...have entered into the following Contract in virtue of
...State Regulations published by the Assistant Commis-
...sioner of Freedmen, as proved by Major Genl.
...Smith Commanding U.S. forces in this Mili-
...tary district. Said Employer agrees to hire said em-
...ployees on the plantation in said County for the year
...and faithfully to cultivate, hoeing, + gathering the crops
...planting + hoeing all such crops. That they the said
...ployees + during + performing all such work as they be
...required by said employer or his agents, or who is to
...be performed in accordance with Rules + Regulations

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above Reference to Stat. time shall be charged for lost time in case of sickness. for any fifty cents for 1st class Male hands. 40 cts 2d class. 30 cts for 3d Class. for 1st class female hands 40 cts. 30 cts for 2d Class. & 20 cts for 3d class. Which said labor is to be performed under the direction of said employer. and his agent Mrs Mary D Willis who will reside on the plantation & any other agents he may appoint. & the said laborers are to be obedient & respectful to said employer and his said agent or agents. they are also to perform all such house work that may be required, and said employer to furnish them with food clothing, house & medical attendance. and find and in addition thereto give them the fourth of the net. ground peas Potatoes & after deducting 1500 bushels of Corn from the crop of corn made this year. for the consumption of the place in making present crop. to give them on or before the 1st day of December next. the one fourth the remainder. it is agreed that these or some hands are to be employed as laborers on the plantation & as house servants in place of those who have already left her employ or may hereafter leave, or as many as may be necessary to perform such labor as the said agent shall require to be done. they are allowed to come in for their portion of the crops with those above named. old Nancy & old Sarah, infirm women agree to do such light labor as they may be able to do. Nancy to furnish her own clothing, but to be furnished house & house, fuel & permitted to stay on the place and work. when she is able. as witness our hands on this 16th. of June 1845.

Jack + June +
Charles + Jane + Mary Turner
Austin + Emily + Susan
Peter + Nelly + Nancy +
Dolphin + Sarah + Edmund Marshall +
Nancy + Esther + Fanny +
Linda + Hannibal + Sarah +
Margaret + Carter +

W D Willis

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called entered into a Contract with the following named laborers. to wit: Ned Dale, Margaret Lemuel Linda Jane Edwards for to work for said Willis & their heirs and Medical attendance as said Willis finds it June 16th 1845.

Ned + Margaret + Witness Jno. M Willis
Dale + Lemuel + 1845 W D Willis

Memorandum of Agreement made & entered into this 16th day of December A.D. 1845 between Edmund Marshall of the County of Alabama & State of Alabama of the one part & Edmund Marshall & Mary Ann Marshall of the County & State aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Edmund Marshall agrees to keep & employ the above named negroes on his place, or any other place it may be necessary to work the remainder of this year. to furnish them medical attendance, house, food & clothing, and give them at the end of the year twenty bushels of corn, and Rebecca 30 bushels of corn at the end of the year. and comply with the regulation of the Freedmens Bureau as to time of labor. and the said negroes are to labor faithfully for him or any person he may put them to or any where else necessary & uniformly polite & respectful, until the end of the year = This obligation to terminate at the end of the year =

Edmund Marshall
Mary Ann Marshall

Attest H C Hennessy

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Bureau Refugees | Contract with Freedmen
State of Ala' | Know ye, that this day James Bass
Tuscaloosa County | of said County has entered into an agreement with James and Lucy Children which children are between the ages of Four months and thirteen years; formerly owned by the said James Bass. but now declared free by the United States. The said Lucy and Children, do promise and agree to stay and work as hired servants with the said James Bass. for her victuals and clothes. house and care and Doctors bill

James Bass

Attest L F Glover

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Trayler Robt- contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama } I Robt- Trayler of said Co
Conecuh County } do agree to pay Minus Trayler
a Freedman five dollars per Month for his services
on My plantation this present year, in addition
to the said Robt- Trayler agree to find the said Freed-
man one suit of clothing and his board for the
present year. Medical attention, nurse & food -
Minus is forty years of age - June 1st 1865 -
Witness - Saml. Spigener Sr Robt- Trayler
H A Huffman

I the said Freedman do agree to abide by the
above contract and do my duty as a laborer -
Witness Minus + Trayler
Saml. Spigener Sr 1865
H A Huffman }

Robertson L H } contract with Freedmen
Articles of agreement between L H Robertson and
Scipio a freedman and his family and George
and his family Ten dollars pr month for their ser-
vices until the first of January next. on his farm
as laborers. And said laborers agree to do good work
and be faithful and true to his business. The said
Robertson further agrees to clothe, feed and furnish
medical attention to said laborers. The above w
ages to be paid in provisions out of the present-
growing crop by the first of January next, the pr
visions to be at Market price. Made" June 1st 1865
Witness L H Robertson
G T Elliott } 1865 George + Scipio +

Jones. Henry L } contract with Freedmen
Watonga County Colo I the Instrument of writ-
ing bearing date June 18th 1865 } Witness that I
Henry L Jones hath this day contracted with
the following named freed persons to work for him
the said Henry L Jones, from date until the
first day of January next upon and for the terms
& conditions to each of them named, viz: I. Henry L
Jones agree to give Marion and Tyler one tenth

of the crop now growing on the place, in addition to
their food, clothing, fuel & medical attention during
said term. Wenny & two children Effie & two children
Marion their food, clothing, fuel & medical attention
during said term - In witness whereof the parties
named above have hereunto set our hands -
Henry L Jones
Wenny + Marion +
Effie + Tyler +
This is to certify 1865
that I have examined the above named Jones
person and that they have this day ratified said
contract. This June 13th 1865 John A Hansan
L M Whitehorn

Alexander W H } contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama Articles of agreement made
Lowndes County } and entered into this 7th day
of June 1865 by and between W H Alexander employer
of the first part and the undersigned laborers -
mostly of the second part witnesseth that the -
said party of the first part agree to pay and allow
to the parties of the second part 1/4 of all crops grow-
ing on his farm except stock of all kind during the
present year, in addition to food, clothing, fuel and
medical attendance for and in consideration of the
faithful service and labor of the said parties of the
second part during the year 1865 and until the
1st of January 1866 a reasonable deduction will be
made for all loss of time either on account of
sickness, or for other causes to be determined by
disinterested men, who will also settle the dis-
tribution share of each laborer at the end of
the year. The said Alexander also agrees to al-
low his laborers one half of each Saturday when
the condition of the farm work will allow of it-
without material detriment, & should any of the
laborers refuse to work or absent themselves, they
will forfeit all claims to this agreement, all to con-
form strictly to the laws of the Legislature. There is
strictly to be no harbouring of other people on any

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premises. Nor renting. No one to ride my Stock
off Without written permission from me or my
Agents. Nor of the second part agree to support and
Clothe their Children out of their Share of the Crop
Nor to be drunk or when each one gets their Share
Dick is to receive 100 lbs of Pork for his share at the
end of the year. Louisa 50 lbs at the end of the year.

Joshua + Charity + Olivia +
Frank + Lucy + Burke +
Dick + Esther + Matilda +
Hager + Dinah + Milla +
Anthony + Liddy + Mourning +
Sarah + Abram +
Louisa + Esby + 1880 Witness I R W Mills
Amanda + Williams + E W Wall
W Thom + Amanda +

Coleman & Wy Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama This Indenture Made and
Autauga County Entered into on the 9th day of
June A D 1865 by and between S W Coleman of the
first part and Billy and Rebecca and Betsey and Mandy Jim
George, Luke, Dan, Lana, and Daisy who are mi-
nors under the age of twelve years, and represented
by their father Luke, Frank, Monica, and Ho-
ner, Dicky and Nora, minors, under the age of
ten years, and represented by their mother Mon-
ca, Thomas, and Jane and Mary minors under
the age of four years, and Nora of full age, Free-
persons of color, and family slaves of S W Coleman
of the first part, Witnesseth, that the said parties
of the first and second part have stipulated and
agreed as follows to wit: That the said parties of
the second part agree to serve the said party of the
first part diligently and faithfully in the capacity
of servants or laborers for and during the remainder
of the present year 1865 and to obey all of his just
and lawful commands or orders. Refraining the
Laborer suspects sin any calling or occasion with-
in or Work on the said Party of the first part-

-ay be proper to employ them and which may be
-quired of them, and the said party of the first
-rt in consideration of the premises and agree-
-ent of the said parties of the second part above
-t forth, on his part promises and agrees to
-rnish the said parties of the second part with
-od, clothing, fuel and Medical attendance when
-ick, and houses to live in during the remainder
the present year, and in addition thereto he a-
-rees to pay over and deliver to the said party
the second part during the year 1866 one tenth
-rt of all the crops excepting Dogs that may be
obtained and housed or housed upon the plan-
-tation of the said party of the first part on which
-ey of the second part are employed or labor during
-e present year. and to pay over and deliver the
-id one tenth as soon after the gathering or
-ossession of the same as practicable, and to
-eat the parties of the second part humanely. The
-ames and ages of all the parties of the second
-rt are stated and set forth in a Statement
-ent attached and marked Exhibit "A"
In Testimony Whereof, We of the first and second
-rts have hereunto set our hands and affixed
-ur Seals This 9th day of June A D 1865.
Signed, Sealed and S W Coleman
delivered in presence of Billy + Rebecca +
O L H Dosher Betsey + Frank +
-im + Lucy + Dicky + Nora + Monica + Monica +
-ca + Luke + George + Luke + Luke + Thomas +
-ary + Eliza + Dorcas + Dicy + Dicy + Infant + mulatto
-ck + Hyram + Frederick + Emily + Nora + Francis + Mary +
-ora +

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Thompson W A) Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama L. W. A Thompson have agreed -
Autauga County with Colored Woman Hannah
-r former slave to find, Clothe, Furnish house & fuel and
-y her physician bill Amount 25. Dollars in Consid-
-ration that She remains with me as Cook & House

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servant and continues to do her duty faithfully —
In witness we have set our hands this day & year
Witness L A Thompson 1908 W. A Thompson
W. L Thompson } Hannah + Mark
Thompson 10 Rat, Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama } Memorandum of Contract -
Autauga County } between W. A Thompson and
the following named Colored persons former slaves
to wit, George a man 40 years of age and Charity his
wife 45 years of age with their small children Nat.
Ben and Ellen his wife aged respectively 27 + 20 years
Manny 35 years of age + her boy Bob about 11 or 12 years
of age - Adaline a girl about 16 years - The said Thom-
son agrees to find, clothe and to employ + pay Physi-
cian in case of serious illness. And to let them re-
main in the house that they now occupy until the
25th day of Dec next, and also to furnish them + find + keep
necessary farming implements now in use for the
cultivation of the crop now growing + tendency. And
in consideration that said Colored persons labor faith-
fully to make + gather the crop now growing + do the
necessary work about the plantation, The said Thomp-
son agrees to give them one fifth part of all the
crops raised from said plantation the present year
said Colored persons above named to remain upon
the plantation and labor faithfully until the 25th
day of Dec next in making and gathering the crop
and ploughing up + putting the place in repair -
cutting + hauling out wood &c and also splitting rails
In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands
this 10th June 1865 - 1915 W. A Thompson
Witness - L W Wigglesworth Manny + George + Charity
W. L Thompson Adaline + Wallace + Ellen

Ecsanell Wm 18, Contract with Freedmen
Butler County Ala. This agreement made + entered
June 13th 1865 Between W. A Thompson of the
first part of the one part and the freedmen + freed-
women Slaves of the first party now residing on the
Plantation of said first party, Witnesseth. That said

slaves agree to remain on the plantation of the said
first party in the capacity of servants until the end
of the present year. And to faithfully perform such
labor as may be required of them in the proper culti-
vation of the crop. The gathering of the same in
keeping said plantation in proper order + repair and
in all respects to be obedient to the lawful and
reasonable orders + commands of the party of the
first part. And the party of the first part in
consideration of the said undertaking on the part
of the party of the second part agrees to give the re-
spective heads + clothing, lodging, fuel + to furnish med-
icine + pay for medical bills + to give one tenth
part of the present growing crop of Corn, fodder, Sweet
potatoes + Sorghum Syrup + Sugar Cane Syrup -
As witness the hands of the aforesaid parties -
Ben 48. Bob 14 Sarah 48 Sick W. B Sewell
Thom 21. George 36. Mary 17. W B Sewell
Ben 18. Hilton 28. Tom 29.
Emeta 15. Armstead 25. Paterne 11.
Lem 31. Lloyd 35. Martha 24.
Lee 9. Rose 14. Clara 22.
Tom 31. Big Kin 11. Fanny 4 &.
Jim 28. King 14. Sal + Ann 10 -
Lesse 20. May 29 + 9 -. Billy 3 - Virginia 1 -
Edmund 4. Billy 9 - Rilla 21 - Josephine 7
Caudie 12 - Lemia 9 - Alice 11 - Hemit 2 + 2 -
Lucinda 16 - Eliza 12 - Amelia 27 - Rose 51.
We the undersigned having been called for
that purpose, read over in the presence of all
the within named freedmen + freedwomen and
explained to them the within contract between the
Wm Sewell + Wm B Sewell, and they each of them
mutually assented to the same - L W Goldsmith
W. A Thompson
1915

Thompson W. A Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama } In accordance with instructions
Lowndes County } from Superintendent of freedmen
dated date of May 9th 1865 Montgomery Ala. I

have this day entered into a Contract with Peter Hammonds, Lady & Noah Laborers upon the following terms, to wit: for their faithful discharge of Labor and Obedience to all orders, I contract to give them one eight of the Corn and potatoes raised on my Plantation this year. In addition to the above furnish them with Rations and Clothing, Medical and human Medical Attention. Peter has three Children from three months to ten years old Hammonds has one Child six years old to take Care of, Time of Service to expire on the 25th day" [illegible]
Test L L Cheatham 1960 Peter + L. P Hanger
John Phillips } Hammonds + Lady + Noah +

Allums Marks) Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama In accordance with the
Butler County } Stipulations, enjoined & under-
of Freedmen under date May 26th 1865 Montgomery
Ala I have this day entered into a Contract with
Emaline a laborer upon the following terms, to
wit: for the faithful discharge of labor and obe-
dience to all orders, I contract to furnish her
Rations clothing fuel, house and medical at-
tention = term of service to expire 25th 1865 -
Test John Phillips 1961 Marthe + Allums
John W Hastings Emaline + marks -

Sally Geo L) Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama An agreement made a
Lowndes County Entered into between G
L Sally and his former laborers, viz: Milly about
70 years of age. Ransom 22 years. Lewis 21 years
Jimmy 14 years. It is agreed that L pay to Milly
Ransom & Lewis one fifth of all the Corn and po-
tatoes produced by me this present year. That I
find clothe and pay the Physicians bills and
furnish them with houses & fuel to all of the
above named laborers the present year for their
services
G L Sally
And the undersigned laborers named above a-
gree to the above Contract and to faithfully discharge our duty as such under "Labor Regulations" of 25 May 1865 to which we subscribe our names this day and date above.
Witness G L Sally
P L Sally. 1965 Tillet + mark
Ransom + his
Lewis + mark
Jimmy +

Sayer P L) Contract with Freedmen
This agreement witnesseth that P L Sayer of Montgomery has employed for the year 1865 the following Negro laborers, on his plantation in said County, to wit: George, Diana, Nancy, Alabama, Anthony, Silvy, Jane, Richard, Amos, Caroline, George, Rilla, Phebe, Lyfo, Elizabeth, Billy Richmond, Thomas, Sam, Fanny, Clara, Mary, Milly, Sarah, Harry, Sally, Henrietta, Lester and Elizabeth = said agree to give them one fifth of the crop which shall be gathered on said plantation, to find clothe and give Medical Attention, fuel & houses, and also the same to the following negroes comprising the families of the above named laborers, to wit, Sandy, Edmund, Susan, Mary, Ruth, Sandy, Lotty, Riley, Jane, Richard, Charles, Henry, Lotan, Polly, Charlotte, William, Jeff, Jane and also Jimmy = and the above named laborers agree to do all such labor as they may be directed to do, by their employer, to conduct themselves in an orderly manner, and to work industriously and last time either voluntarily or by sickness to be charged against them = P L Sayer
I certify that I was present when the above named Contract was Made between the above named P L Sayer and the above Named laborers that they were all present. The Contracts were fully explained to them, and they voluntarily agreed to the same 2000 John B Scott
Scott John B) contract with Freedmen
This agreement witnesseth that John B Scott of Montgomery County has employed for the year 1865 the following Negro laborers on his plantation in

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Lucindy to suit. Eliza. Margarite. Laura. Jenger. Lucy. Williams. Polliden. Celia. Patsy. Berry. Judy. Isaac. Amelia. Carter. Jesse. Jack. Hoy. Mrs Austin. Eric. Henry. Isaac. Fanny. Betsy. Clarissa. Letha. Ella. Leah. Louisa. Goodrich. Ann. William. Little Arab. Wash + Russ. And the said agrees to give them one fifth of the crop which shall be gathered on said plantation, to find, clothe and give them medical attention food + house. Also the following negroes comprising the families of the above named laborers. Linda. Dave. Orrey. Isic. Mider. Becky. Milly. Ellen. Mary. Martha. Willy. Irving. Jhuck. Annie. Infant. Indy. Charles. Louisa. Susan. Ida. Rose an infant of Abby. Nathan. Mitchell. + old Isaac. Bill and infant of Leah. Leila. Minerva + Polliden. The above named laborers agree to do all such work as they may be desired to do, and to obey their employer. And to conduct themselves in an orderly manner + to work industriously - and last time either voluntary or by sickness to be charged against them - John D Scott.

I certify I was present when the above contract was made between the above named parties that they were all present. That the contract was fully expressed to them and they voluntarily agree to the same

2032 D I Snyder

Maddox A B) contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama, Know all men by these presents
Coosa County, That I A B Maddox of the 1st part
and Jesse the head of the family of the 2d part have
this day entered into the following contract or agreement, viz: I the said A B Maddox agree to clothe
furnish rations, feed + pay Dr. bill of the following
named negroes + give the produce of 2 acres of land
Jesse the head of the family age 26. Jane his wife
2 + Eliza daughter 3. Spink 4 years old + I A B Maddox
do agree to give the 2 acres of land cultivated by
said Jesse + other negroes does not cultivate
the time, and for the above consideration

the above named negroes agree to work faithfully from
the 1st day January next at any work the said
A B Maddox may direct to do negroes to do on his
plantation or elsewhere except half of each Saturday
Sundays, or Xmas days work must be cheerfully
to as hereinfore

2034 A B Maddox
attest John D Fletcher Jesse + mark
A H Pylant

Harris John G) Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama, I John G. Harris do contract
Montgomery County, with the following named
Freedmen to labour on my plantation during next
Christmas. I am to find + clothe them + pay their Drs.
Bills + furnish houses for them to live in + wood to
use for fuel. I am to give them 1/5 of the corn, potatoes
peas raised on my plantation this year. They promise
on their part to work faithfully + industriously from sun
to sun + nine in Winter. Through the day. The afternoon of Saturday will be at the disposal of the laborers - except in cases of necessity to save the crops. When the labor must be rendered as the law
directs. Children on the plantation helpless. Must be
supported by their parents. Kindred &c. I agree to furnish suitable land for each to cultivate exclusively for
their own use of Saturday afternoon if they desire it.
The above contract is entered into by those white laborers who have labored side by side with the Colored laborers + will draw their same part of the crop
as the Colored laborers - All parties agreeing - I John
G. Harris further enter into contract with the following named Freedmen, viz: has large family of small children not able to labor + the Mother of said children
being most likely to be for time to come in a helpless
condition - to take them + feed + clothe them + pay
their Dr. Bills + to house them to live in + feed to use
their labor. They not drawing any part of the crop
for support being a compensation for all the labor
they can render, they will be entitled to Saturday afternoons + land to work in themselves. Jesse Maxwell

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Linn & Hardin Harris & his Children, also Jasper Glover
Van Sneden. Whose names I have not been able
to ascertain. This contract to Labor for one whole
Year Christmas - John G. Harris employer -
Daff Culp Lucy Dennis Burt
Marah Judy Sophy Sarah. Polly 205
Linn Rody Jenny Ellen. Augustus
Dana Martha Emily Tracy Hank -
Daffin Elizabeth) contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama, Articles of agreement entered into
Monty County between Wm Carlton and his
children Lisle, Eliza. Sally. Bill and Ike. Ross &
Jim Sneden, Freedmen of Color, on the one part and
Elizabeth Daffin on the other part to work with the
said Elizabeth Daffin from the date of this instru-
ment until the 25th of Dec next, on her farm or at
any work she may set them at. They bind themselves
to labor diligently and faithfully and to be obedi-
ent to her commands. The said Daffin on her part
agrees to give said Caroline, Lisle, and Ross four
acres of Corn and a potatoe patch, and a Lin patch
she will clothe, and find them and furnish Medical
attendance when necessary and grant & find em
Care of them when sick, but if they are sick
more than one day at a time, they must lose the
time at a rate in proportion to their wages. If
they become disobedient and insolent and will not
do faithful work, they forfeit their wages and will
be discharged. The other named persons being Chil-
dren will be fed and clothed and taken Care of
In witness whereof, we the said Elizabeth Daffin
Caroline, Ross and Lisle have each affixed our
Signatures hereto in the presence of
This 1st day of June 1865 - Eliz Daffin
Test Cicero Moore Caroline + Mark
Ross +
Lisle +
Bill +

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Calloway W R, contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama, Articles of Contract entered into between
Montgomery Co & W R Calloway Co for P R & J M
Sidwell, as follows - said Calloway agrees to furnish
the land for cultivation, the plows, Stock on the
said place, the tools to find, clothes and pay Medi-
cal Bills and furnish provisions and find the
following named Colored persons agree to perform
good and faithful work at 10 hours pr day and
to do and perform any service at the discretion
of said Calloway - or his agent or manager. The Ser-
vices to continue until the first day of Jan 1866
any failure on the part of said parties will be a for-
feiture of their wages. And all tools and horses
belong to the said Calloway, the parties are not to leave
the premises without permission from the manager
or superintendent if they do they will be compelled
to leave the premises. They are to obey all orders
given, to attend to the Stock. Keep up the fence, &
to do and perform all things appertaining to the
plantation as may be required, for and in consid-
eration of said services, I agree to give them one-
fifth of the corn & cotton raised on the said lands
as witness our hands this June 2d 1865 -
Pettingill & family wife 2 Children = Jim & wife
Warren & family wife 3 children = Dick sister & Chil
Jack & daughter " 3 do = Reuben = Daniel wife
Walker wife 6 Children = Tom wife 1 do
Randall 10 1 do = John & wife = Loyd & wife
Bill & Chil = Sally Sam. Coleman = Ephram = Hardyman
Solomon = witness Jesse W Payne W R Calloway
Jim & John &) Contract with Freedmen
The following is a Contract or agreement en-
tered into between L L Stewart on one part and the
persons whose names are embraced in this instru-
ment. Viz L L & Stewart on the part grants
give Dick, Eliz Wade & Simon one fifth of the
corn that is made on the place, and their food
Cloathing, medical attention, Houses & fuel for and

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in consideration of their labor which is as named until the first of January next. I also agree to take Charlotte a woman, Sarah and her two children and Julia for their food, clothing and medical attention, also Francis a woman and three children for their food, clothing, houses, fuel and medical attention for and in consideration of their labor until the first of January next.

The following contract was severally read to the negroes whose names are mentioned in said contract and the question asked do you agree to take what is offered you in said instrument to which they respectfully gave their consent. Signed and agreed to in the presence of

John. A Stewart.

Test Lt. A Graham

E & A Stewart, contract with Freedmen.

The following is a contract or agreement entered into between E & A Stewart on the part and the negroes whose names are embraced in this instrument, that is E & A Stewart on my part promise to give Dick, Moses, Henry, George, William, Steve, Dock and Landon one third part of the corn that is made on the place and some peas & potatoes and their food & clothing, houses & fuel and all necessary medical attention for & in consideration of their labor until the first of January next. I also agree to take Malinda a woman & Hannah Jenny & two children, Adelaide & three children, Moses and one child & Comfort and three children and Elsie & Mariah two girls & give them their food and clothing houses & fuel and medical attention & also agree to take Martha & two children for one month or until the first of January next & furnish them their food and clothing and medical attention for and in consideration of their labor until the 1st of January next. I also agree to take Caroline & 4 children & give them food & clothing houses & fuel & Medical attention for and in consideration of their labor to January next. Witness my hand this 1st day of January 1865. E & A Stewart.

The foregoing contract was severally read to the negroes whose names are mentioned in said contract & the question asked do you agree to take what is offered you in said instrument to which they respectfully gave their consent. Signed & agreed to in the presence of

Thomas Bradman
Franklin Armstrong

Bell Wm. T.) Contract with Freedmen

Greenville Butler Co Ala } This agreement made this 21st day
of January 1865 between the negro girl Indy late the slave of Wm. T Bell of the first part and Wm. T Bell of the second part witnesseth. That the aforesaid Negro Girl Indy for herself and on behalf of her child Mary and her adopted child Lucy agrees to remain in the service of said Wm. T Bell as house servants for the space of one year from the date of this contract. And the said Wm. T Bell on his part agrees to furnish said Negroes Indy & her two children with food, clothing, medical attention, house and fuel. Done at Greenville Butler County, Ala. this 21st day of January 1865.

Witness - R B Watson } 21/27 Indy + Wilson
Hannibal Bell } Wm. T. Bell

Foley Albert, Contract with Freedmen

This Agreement made and entered into this twenty sixth day of June A D 1865 between Freedwoman Charlotte Jordan late slave of Albert Foley and Albert Foley, both of Butler County and State of Alabama. Witnesseth. That Charlotte on her part doth undertake and agree to and with the aforesaid Foley to live with him the aforesaid Foley and work for him as a cook, until the first of January next. And the said Foley on his part doth agree to and with the said Charlotte, for and in consideration of the aforesaid service, to provide her with food, clothing, shelter, fuel, medicine and medical attendance. Also Albert Foley enters into agreement with Maria Jordan Freedwoman, as follows, to wit = That Maria doth undertake and agree with

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to said Goley. to live with him and work for him as a house Servant. on/ate the first of January next and the aforesaid Goley on his part agrees with said Maria in consideration of the above services to provide her with food. clothing. shelter. Medicine and Medical attendance -

Witness L G Bell A Goley
John Ellsworth Maria + Mark

Hollifield Green) Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama. Know all men by these presents
Coosa County } - that I Green Hollifield of the first part and the following named Freedmen. viz: John aged 37 yrs. Lewis 31 yrs. Antony age 17 yrs. Paul age 15 yrs. Dick age 11 yrs. Thornton age 8 yrs. Adam age 6 yrs. Amy age 35 yrs. Eliza age 25 yrs. Penny age 12 yrs. Alice age 11 yrs. Louisa 4 yrs. of the second part. have this day entered into the following Contract. said Hollifield agrees to clothe. furnish rations. feed. provide Medical attendance and goodies for the above named freedmen their Children and pay them as follows. I agree to give them 1/5 one fifth of the present crop consisting of 50 acres. planted in Corn and Peas. Cane. Sugar Millet. 2 acres in sweet potatoes and one fifth of the Wheat and oats already made. The above named laborers agree to work faithfully 10 hours per day in Summer. and nine hours in winter. half of each Saturday and Sunday excepted. as any week said Hollifield may wish to have done on his plantation or elsewhere. all lost time to be deducted from sickness or Dismissal.

Attest: at Duncan
J H Calloway }

Green + Hollifield
Lewis + Amy +
John + Eliza +
Antony + Penny +
Paul + Alice +
Dick + Louisa +
Thornton +
Adam +

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State Census R. Contract with Freedmen
State of Ala. } This day entered into an agreement
Coosa Co. } - ment and contracted with George a freedman. aged 12 years. and Mary freedwoman aged 11 years old for their labor the remainder of the year 1865. the conditions of said Contract is that I on my part to furnish said boy George and Mary rations. Clothing. Shelter. Feed and their Medicine bills paid for the remainder of the above year. and also to give them the products of portions of land in my farm cultivated in Corn and said portions of land marked off and agreed to by me and said freedboy and girl - and the said freedboy & girl agree to perform all the labor required on my plantation for the remainder of the year 1865 - and to labor 10 hours each day in Summer and 9 in winter. and if said freedboy & girl fail to perform the labor required and Contract and leave my premises before the expiration of said year. they forfeit all claims to the crops raised on the above named land. agreed to and signed this 17 day of June 1865

Witness Geo M Arsmith 21 25
L L Kirkpatrick }

James + Holt
George + Holt
Mary + "

Contract with Freedmen
The State of Ala. } In accordance with an order issued by at Montgomery
Butler County } - Ala. May 25. 1865. and approved by Gen Smith setting forth the Status of the negro. and requiring all former owners to hire them if they retain their services. either by paying stipulated wages in money or giving a portion of the crop. we have entered into the following agreement. viz: we on our part agree to work faithfully. working ten hours in the Summer and nine hours in winter as directed in the order except in case of sickness. and to submit ourselves to the management and direction of Mr Boyd in all things concerning the farm and working of the crop as formerly

June 5th 1865 -

Isaiah + Mark

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Witness
James A Fisher
Wm S Glasgow

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Louisa + 4 children
Caroline + 1 child
Rhoda + 3 children
Susan + 1 "
Nancy +

Young Joseph +
Jane +
Milly +

In consideration of the above obligation on the part of the said freedmen I agree to furnish them with food, clothing, groceries, fuel and medical attendance and give them one fifth of the Corn crop, deducting from the wages of them who have helpless families sufficient for their support & maintenance I also reserve to myself the privilege to discharge any of them when they fail to perform their duty without pay as stated in the order

James R Cook

attest- Wm S Glasgow
James A Fisher

Kirkpatrick & L) Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama } This Indenture entered into on a
Lowndes County } agreement and Contract made
Henry a freedman 34 years, Sally a woman 32 years
with 4 Children, and Jane 20 years with 2 Children
for their labor the Remainder of the year 1865. The
Condition of said Contract is that I on my part
am to furnish rations, clothing, fuel, shelter and
their Medicals bills paid for the Remainder of the
above year. And also to give them the Products of
a Portion of land on my farm. Said portion of land
marked off and agreed to by me and said Laborers
and on the part of said Laborers under the above con-
tract they do agree to perform all the labor required
for the Remainder of the year. to labor 11 hours each
day in Summer & 10 in Winter. and if said Laborers fail
to perform the labor required by said Contract and
leave my Premises before the expiration of said year
then forfeit all claims to the crop raised on the
above Rented land, agreed to & Signed this 16th
day of August 65.

L L Kirkpatrick

Witness Geo M Brasmith
James R Cook

Henry + Kirkpatrick
Sally + Kirkpatrick

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Spann & Gest's Contract with Freedmen

Alabama Lowndes } In consideration of the Premises
Lowndes County } after mentioned Negroes whose
the fifteenth Dec next. I hereby engage to maintain
them and their Children and those on the plantation
of the est of L & Spann made to work and to
divide equitably among the laborers one fifth of
the present crop including the wheat now gath-
ered on their part said Negroes whose Names are
hereunto attached engage to work faithfully and
to perform all Customary plantation duties for
the advantage of said estate of L & Spann the owner
of the property on the premises, with the penalty
of forfeiting all interest in the crop and work
under the direction of any Superintendent
that may be employed by owners of said estate -
Thomas Isaac Affie Washington
Samuel Buck Emily Bill Paul. Enoch
Henry Ellen Susan Hardy. Amanda
Cesario Maria Molly Ida, Hagan
Columbus Riley Clarissy Cato, Sophia
Balaam Peggy Prince Jane, Hannah
Talbert Fanny Carson Lindy, Hopkins
Andrew Andrew Mary Ida, Charles
Harrod Peggy Billy Maria, Flora
Smith Stone Caty Randal, Tisby
Robin Chloe Rose Jane, Griffin
Joseph Ellen Green Winkler, Hannah
Lewis Charlotte Binky, Hannah, Griffin
Green Rose Morgan, Ben, Mina, Adah
Ida, Peggy, Bellah, Lewis, Milly, Pope, Cato, Lucy
Lewis, Lizzy, Stephen, Nathan, Henry, Alfred, Edward, Moses
Caroline, Lucia, Jane, Molly, Lucy, Clay, Tina, Pendor
Betty, India, Nancy, Celia, Affie, Lady, Celia, John, Dena
Jane, Nancy, Bellah, Rose, Simon, Polly, Monday
Lena, Solomon, Peter, Celia, Billy, Hascamin, Mack, Em
Lena, Lewis, Clara, Henry, Lewis, Sophia, Henry, Dick
Lena, Nat, Lina, Charlie, Fanny, Lewis, Drinkin
Josephine, Spencer, Mack, Mat, Hamilton, Mary

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Rochard. Ca[illegible]. Lonning. Burton. Rena. Sedia Mingis -
I D Spann Superintendent said estate 279
Cyp Buckley Employed by said owners
Goley. Albert contract with Freedmen

This agreement made and entered into this 1st. day of June A D 1865 between Freedman Isaac Constable slave of Albert Goley and Henry Thomas also a slave of said Goley - Witnesseth, That Isaac and Henry do Hereby Contract to and with the aforesaid Goley to Live with him and work for him as field hands, until the first day of January 66 and the aforesaid Goley on his part doth agree to and with the said Isaac and Henry that for and in Consideration of the above services, he the said Isaac and Henry with food, Clothing, Shelter, fuel, Medicine and Medical Attendance

Witness L S Bell 2601
John D Ellsworth } Albert Goley
Isaac + his mark Constable
Henry + Thomas

Albritton Mary (Col) Contract with Freedmen

This agreement made this the 15th day of June A D 1865 between Mary A M Albritton of the County of Lowndes and State of Alabama of the first part and the following named negroes. Comm 52 yrs. - Hannah 48. Yaggie 9. Amy 75. Isaac 35. Teresa 34. Ira 19. Mary 10. Henry 22. Amanda 11. Randall 17. Daffna 6. Burrell 15. Israel 1. Fillis 11 yrs. Anna 20. Silvia 5. Jenny 2. Bill age one mth. old - all of the second part. Witnesseth. That the said Albritton in Consideration of the Covenants on the part of the Second parties do hereby Covenant and agree to and with parties of the second part above mentioned. that she will find. Clothe. Pay Medical Bills and furnish Comfortable quarters to include fuel & one half the Corn raised on the place this year. The Contract on the part of the first party to end on January 1st. 1866 and said parties above named in Consideration of the Covenants on the part of the first part do Covenant and agree with M A M Albritton that we will faithfully as Laborers until January 1st. 1866

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals on the day and year before written
Witness E A Albritton Mary M Albritton
Daffna + Isom + Hannah + Yaggie + Amy +
Burrell + Isaac + Jenna + Ira + Mary +
Israel + Henry + Amanda + Randall +
Fillis + Anna + Jenny + Silvia + Bill + 2200
Smith A G) Contract with Freedmen

The State of Ala. This agreement made by and
Lowndes County between the Colored persons on
the plantation of A G Smith viz: Phillis age 34. and
her daughter Sarah age 11. of the first part. and the
said A G Smith of the second part. witnesseth, that
in Consideration of the Covenants of the said A G
Smith, the said Phillis and Sarah Covenant and
agree to remain on said plantation & do good &
faithful Service and obey all orders as hands for
Contract with the Custom of Laborers. until the 1st
of January 66. and in Consideration of the Covenants
of the said Phillis and Sarah. the said A G Smith
Covenants and agrees to give said Phillis and Sa-
rah. one third of the present growing crop and to
supply them with food. Clothing. Medical attention
nurses and fuel. And both parties Covenant and
agree to Conform to the orders of the Superintendent of Freedmen, in all matters not embraced
in this agreement. This 2nd 11th day of June 65
Witness T Gardiner — 2202 A Geo. G Smith

Smith R T) Contract with Freedmen

State of Alabama Know all Men by these pre-
Lowndes County sents. That R T Smith on
the one part. and Charity Letitia and Romeo on
the other part. Witnesseth That said Charity aged forty
with her Children. Melinda a boy twelve years
old. Maria ten years. and Francis eight. agrees
to do Service for said R T Smith upon the Conditions, that he furnishes her and her Children
proper supply of suitable Clothing. food. fuel
and furnish Medical attention when need

To which stipulations we have hereunto put our
hands and seal this 21st day of June 1865 -
Witness Green Hollifield Charity + her mark Lucas
Wm H Thomas } B Z Smith -

Lockey W Z, Contract with Freedmen

Articles of an agreement between W Z Lockey a
Ute 1st to have + the following negro in the State Post
Roads years. said Lockey agrees on his part to give
the said negro; as much to stay in suite Ute 1st to
work + furnish him food + such clothing + medical
attention as he has been giving hand + food + the
negro agrees + binds himself to do good work + to
work at any + all sorts of work that shall Lockey
or any other person for him may direct him to do
and upon the failure on his part to work as
directed either by refusing. negligence or frau-
dulent release. Said Lockey has a right to
retake him to have his premises - W Z Lockey
Michael Jay - 220 Atim + mark

Shepherd Thomas, Contract with Freedmen
The State of Ala It is hereby agreed by Thomas
Butler County } Shepherd and the following
Freedmen on the plantation of said
Shepherd, Viz; Harriet age 35; infirm with large
Ulcer on shoulder, Rose 45 Chronick disease and
unfit for any heavy labor. Henry 19. Daniel 18 -
Sam 15. Sam 18 and an Idiot. Ellick 5 years old.
That the said laborers are to remain and con-
tinue to work on the plantation of said Shep-
herd Cultivating and Raising the Crop and the
ordinary work on the premises under the di-
rection and Control of said Shepherd for ten
hours pr day in Summer and nine in mid-
dle + eight on half of each Saturday. and the whole
of each Sunday only to work in Cases of Necessity
about the Crop and feeding and attending to the
stock. for which Service said Shepherd binds
himself to find, clothe in substantial manner
them herein known, food and Medical at-

tion and four acres of land now in cultivation
in Corn, which shall be cultivated in any time
hereafter that they may cultivate in their
time, and to furnish stock and farming uten-
sils to work with. And to get their Victuals
which is to be divided between said Freedmen
according to their labor performed by each.

In witness whereof, we set our hands and seals
this the 24th day of June 1865. This contract is to
continue until December next on 25th day 1865.

We the undersigned
witnesses hereby certify
that the parties to the 221/2
foregoing contract, signed same
in our presence. Lt R. Stott

Thos. Shipland
Hamilt. Mack
Rose "
Hannah "
Davis "
Sarah "

C. A. Gwyn

Contract with Freedmen

State of Alabama I hereby certify that I promise
to pay the undersigned freed-
men four dollars p. Month for two months, fur-
nishing their food, clothing, and all Medical
attendance, on their part they promise to cut and
secure the Cotton crop, mine part being one
fourth of the same to the hand a day. I fur-
ther promise to pay them ten cents a piece for all
over Tasks that they may cut each day. They
are not to work on Sunday, and I will pay them
at the end of each month =

Robt. Deshea
C. W. Buckley
Asst. Supt. R.

Marshall + Jim + Tom + 221
Joshua + Aaron + Moses +
Hoy R.) Contract with Freedmen

Articles of agreement between R. Hoy on the
1st part + the following negro on the other part -
viz 50 years. Said Hoy agrees to give said negro
house to stay in until 1st January 1866 and find
clothing, food and Medical Attention, and said
negro binds himself to do any work that said
Hoy may for 20 months come to do good work-
on failure of which said Hoy has a right to

discharge him from his premises.
Test
Mayhew Hoy 219
R Hoy
his + mark

Benson G W) contract with Freedsmen
Kingston Ala. This indenture made and enter-
Cantaga County ed into between G W Benson of
the one part and Isaac a freedsman of the afore-
said territory, that the said Isaac has agreed to
labor as hereinafter for the said Benson during the
remainder of the present year, and in consider-
ation of such service, the said Benson agrees to fur-
nish the said Isaac with the usual board and
clothing as heretofore. And pay his doctor's bills du-
ring such period. The said Isaac is about fifty
one years of age and is afflicted with hernia
In testimony of this contract we hereto set our
hands this 19 day of June 1865.
Executed in
presence of
W & Jr Benson
221 Isaac + mark
W & Jr Benson

Benson G W) Contract with Freedsmen
The State of Alabama Articles of agreement made &
Lowndes County } entered into this 19th day of June
1865 between G W Benson and his former Laborers
viz: Rachel and her four children to wit Reuben 14 yrs
and Ben under nine years of age. The said G W.
Benson promises to furnish food clothes and
Doctors Physicians bills, and furnish them with homes
and food to said family and give them one third
of the corn crop of the present year. The freedmen
Laborers promise to faithfully discharge our duty
as hereunto to G W Benson the remaining por-
tion of this year for the amount specified above
to which we subscribe our names this day and
date above
222 Witness
Isabella W Benson
G H Haygood

Rhoda Adaline H) contract with Freedsmen
State of Ala June 19th 1865 Articles of agreement between
County } Adaline H Rhoda on the one

part. And the following named Laborers on the Plant-
ation. Viz. Harry. Cudnia. Saml. Jack. Daniel. Andrew
Coleman. Thomas Jenny. Rose. Lydia. Betsy. Phillis-
Hannah. Patience. Julia. Amanda. Sally. Dinah. Amy.

In conformity to an order issued from Head Quar-
ters. Freedmens Bureau. Montgomery Ala. I have en-
tered into a contract with the above Laborers to work
on My Plantation upon the following conditions-
I. Furnish food. Clothing. Tobacco. Medical Attendance
and Fuel. and one fifth of the corn of the present
growing Crop. also the Laborers at the Homestead. one
Female Named Wm. Females Polly Louisa. Rebecca Julia
Caroline Ann Sarah 224 Adaline. & Rosetta

I. certify That the above contract was Made in
my presence. And That the Laborers were Satisfied

E & F Montague
R L. Smuggers

Grant H P. contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama Articles of Agreement entered
Lowndes County into this day between H P Grant-
on the one part. and the following named freed-
men and Women. To wit: Nelson & Sarah. Alfred &
Allen - Mack & Caroline - Adam & Jenny. Sylvia &
Jane - on the other part. said H P Grant - Agrees to
furnish the above named freedmen & Women with
two additional Suits of Clothes and one pair of Sh-
oes. Also all the Children on the said Plantation
one additional Suit of Clothes. and pay D S. Rice
for All. And allow half of every of their Saturday for
rest. And when all the Crops are gathered in -
cluding Corn. Fodder. Sorghum & Potatoes - the said
freed Men & Women above named shall receive
one fifth part to be divided between them equally -
and said freedmen & Women do agree to be faith-
ful and do good service in return on the first
of December 1866 and the said day of December next. And the
said freedmen & Women do further agree not to
leave the Plantation without the consent of the
said H P Grants, the Stock - Mules do agree to

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time closely to feeding at regular hours. and
insure the crop be gathered before the expiration
of the time named to render any necessary ser-
vice in said farm toward preparing for a crop
the ensuing year - and in case either of the
said named freedmen & women - shall leave
the farm or fail to render reasonable service
on the same before the expiration of the time -
herein named, then in that event forfeit his
or her labor for the benefit of the remaining -
In case of disorderly conduct the party guilty will
be turned over to the proper authorities of the Co
to be dealt with as they may think proper. In
witness whereof we have set our hands & seal this
the 16 day of June 1865 - 2259 A P Grant
Witness B F Dean = Adam Alfred Ellen
Adam, Tinsley Sykes Rev. Sarah Monah Caroline
Barlow Thos. contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama } We the undersigned laborers
Lowndes County } on the plantation of Thos Barlow
of the County and State above-mentioned do cov-
enant & agree to remain as
laborers on the plantation of Thos Barlow until
the 1st day of January 1866. & we further promise to
render any & all service on said plantation that
said Barlow or his agent may deem necessary
including driving the carriage or the saddle-
we agree for any time lost by any of us our wages
shall stop for said time lost. & if any one shall
leave the place before the 1st day of Jan next he or
she shall forfeit the whole amount of their wages
I Thos Barlow agree on my part to furnish clothing
furnish provisions and pay medical attention
the Physician to be selected by myself. furnish for
as I have done heretofore. support old & the young
who are unable to labor as I have done heretofore
and pay to the laborers on my place one bushel
of all the corn, sugar cane syrup, that may be rais-
on said plantation the present year for the

faithful performance of the labor promised above
corn & syrup to be divided among the laborers
ing according to grade - In testimony of this a
I set unto my hand this June 1865 - the names and
ments subscribed - Thos Barlow
Andy + Reason + Aristory +
Hardy + Alonzo + Mary +
Harriet + Willy + Letties & children
Matt Harry + Eginia + Olif + 1 "
Harry + Nelly + January 4 "
Lee + Caroline + & old negro woman
Bob + Nicy + to labor -
Oliver + Agnes + Test
Griffin + Morgant + 2284 S H Caldwell
Lee + Chilent + C Y Caldwell
Sarah + Lucy +
Phillips P B) contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama } In accordance with instruc-
Lowndes County } - tions from superintendent of
Freedmen under date of May 26th 1865. Montgomery
Ala. I have this day entered into a contract with
each a laborer upon the following terms. to wit:
for her faithful discharge of labor and obedience
to all orders. I contract to give her clothing and
shoes - in addition to the above furnish her with
rations, fuel, house & Medical attention. term of
service to expire the 25th Dec 1865 - 2285 Sarah + mark
Test D W Armiger Sarah was P B Phillips
Ed Armiger } formerly a slave of L Bates
Mc2man D W) contract with Freedmen
Lowndes Co This is an agreement between my-
Alabama } self and the following negroes -
Adam a man. I clothes feed. pay Dr's Bill & clothe for
the balance of the year Dilsy a woman. I feed
clothe and pay Medical attendance the balance
the year - they are to serve me faithfully & com-
fully - June 16th 1865 John W McElman
Witness W Gilstrap 2286 Dinah + Dilsy +
C A Jones } Adam +

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Yeigler George L) contract with Freedman
The State of Alabama This Instrument made &
Tuskaloosa County } entered into on this 20th day
of June 1865 between George L Yeigler of the County &
State aforesaid of the first part and a freedwoman
Nanna Elsy of the same part. Witnesseth, That
the said Elsy hereby agrees & contracts with the
said Yeigler to perform the duties of cooking, wash
ing & ironing for the family of the said Yeigler. &
in consideration therefor the said Yeigler agrees and
contracts to pay said Elsy at the Rate of three dollars
per month, and to furnish her with the neces-
sary portion of food, clothing, medical attention, house
room & fuel which he has heretofore furnished
his house-hold & Kitchen Servants - In witness
Whereof they have hereunto set their hands & seals
on the day & date above written
In presence, W S White 228 George L Yeigler
of Elsy +
W H Brown

Prater Milton A) Contract with Freedmen
Covington County Ala } Articles of an agreement
June 12th 1865 } between Milton A Prater &
his freedmen, I do promise and agree to feed &
clothe and pay their Dr Bills and furnish good
house and fuel and give them their patches as
usual for this year. M A Prater
ages of the Freedmen 229
Bury age 48 years
Harriet " 20 " her children are only 4. & 3 months
We the above named freedmen do promise & agree
to stay & work for our victuals and clothes & Dr Bills
& keep is paid, as we do believe it's no use turning
at this time of the year. That we would be bound
to suffer Bury + mark
Test W A Prater Harriet +
S Mahan

Dewberry Thos) contract with Freedmen
State of Ala It is hereby agreed by Thos Dewber
Tus County } and the following named freedmen

sidney is to continue to work on the premises of
said Dewberry as heretofore. The said freedwoman
binds herself to cook, wash, iron, and all the ne-
cessary work performed by house-women, said Dew.
berry binds himself to furnish house-room, fuel, clo-
thing and Medical attendance and one dollar per
month - In Witness whereof we have hereunto set
our hands & seals this June 16th 1865.
Test Thos B Bennett Thos Dewberry
Jack Porter Sidney + mark

Armstrong & G) Contract with Freedmen
Montgomery Ala } I hereby agree to employ in my
June 22, 1865 } farm during the remainder of
the year the freedman Johnson and in payment
for his services agree to furnish him with clothes
and lodging, fuel and Medical attendance
229½ & G W Armstrong
I hereby assent to the above contract - Johnson + mark
Test Ty G Hebenmeny -

Pendree Thomas) Contract with Freedmen
Contract made and concluded this 6th day of June
1865, by and between Thomas Pendree of the County of
Lowndes State of Alabama on the first part, and Julia
a colored woman of the second part on the other part;
The said party of the second part covenant and agree
and with the said party of the first part to make
and do all necessary labor to secure and gather
a crop on the farm of the party of the first-
part, and the said party of the first part covenant
and agree to give unto the said party of the second
part one eighth of the crop gathered & made and to
furnish food, clothing, house-room, Medical attendance
and fuel to the said Julia and her Child two years
old - This Contract to be in force and terminate on the first
day of January A D 1866 - In witness whereof the
said parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands
and seals this day and year above written -
229½ Thomas Pendree
Julia + Mark

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The above contract was made between the parties
named after being read to each of the parties was
signed in my presence June 6th 1865.
Witness Geo W Whitsman Ben + Reese
mk
McTyeir H & A's contract with Freedmen
Butler Co Ala The following negroes to wit: Cyrus
June 6th 1865 & Rose, his wife Bill & Lane, his wife
& their three children under ten years of age - Lu-
cinda & her child under one year. Clara & her child
under one year. Martha aged about 40 yrs. Albert aged 18
yrs. Reg States with Lane & Maria under fourteen
yrs of age formerly slaves of H. H. McTyeir do agree to
continue in his service until January 1866, yield-
ing obedience & doing faithful duty in all cases and di-
rections as heretofore. Viz: bring furnished food -
clothing, fuel, house-room & Medical attendance
when sick, according to the Rules laid by the
Freedmens Bureau for Alabama Cyrus + mk
In witness their hands & seals affixed Rose + "
of one part. H & H McTyeir Lucinda + Bill + "
Witness Albert + Martha + Clara + Lane + "
W L Goodloe 2300

Crenshaw Emily contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama Contract made by Emily Cre.
Lowndes County } shaw and her tenant Bill -
about 20 years of age - E. E Crenshaw promises to give
Said Bill one Jenny mule, ten Bushels corn, find clothes
and pay Dr's Bills find & gratuities for his services as
Said tenant. Said agrees to perform services for Mrs E Cren-
shaw faithfully until 1st January next for ten
Bushels corn and their provisions as above stated
In witness whereof the subscribers our names this 19th June 65
Witness E Crenshaw
Bill + his mark
B F Selly 2301

Garrett B R, contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama } I. B R Garrett of the State and
Lowndes County } County aforesaid agree to give the
following named Colored People who are in my place
viz: Delphy, Martha, Jeff, Wiley, Pink and Elizabeth

their annual amount of clothing, rations, houses and
medical attention and time to work their patches -
they agree to work faithfully every day Saturday
and Sunday excepted until the 25th day of December
next - all of which is agreed to in
the presence of Wm A Bynum 2308 R R Garrett
L W Powell

Freed Townsmen &c contract with Freedmen
In accordance with an order issued at
Montgomery & approved by Maj Genl A L Smith
U. S. A. - setting forth the status of the negro and
giving all former owners who desire to retain
their services to hire them by paying stipulated wa-
ges in money or giving them a portion of the crops -
we have entered into the following agreements: We
on our part agree to make faithful servants, work-
ing ten hours pr day in Summer and nine hours
pr day in winter except in cases of sickness and
to submit ourselves to the management and direc-
tion of Townsmen & Freedmen in all things concerning
the farm and working of the crops as formerly -
June 18th 1865 Eliza + mark
Attest I Block 2313 Sarah + "
Wm S Glasgow Martha + Patience + "
In consideration of the above obligations on the
part of the said Freedmen, I agree to furnish them
with food, clothing, fuel, gratuities & Medical attendance
Attest Wm S Glasgow Townsmen & Freedmen
I B Levitt

De Smith Geo M, contract with Freedmen
State of Ala } I have this day entered into an
Lowndes County } agreement and Contracted with the
Ben + Amos freedmen + Lizzy a freedwoman for
their labor the remainder of the year 1865. The condi-
tions of said Contract is that I am to pay them to
furnish said freedmen and women rations, Clo-
thing, Shelter and fuel and Dr bills for the re-
mainder of the above year. And also to give them
the products of a portion of land on my farm -

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cultivated in corn and rice. said portion of land
Marked off and agreed to by me and said freed-
man and woman - and on the part of the said
freedmen and women under the above contract -
they do agree to perform all the labor required on my
plantation for the remainder of the year 1865. and to
labor 10 hours a day in summer and 9 in winter &
if said freedman and woman fail to perform the
labor required by said contract and leave my prem-
ises before the expiration of said year, they forfeit
all claim to the crop raised on the above named
land, agreed to & assigned this 16th day of June 65.

Witness — Geo. M Bennett
James R Clotts — Ben + Monk
L L Kirkpatrick — Lizzy + Almost +

Posey Singleton, Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama } A contract between Singleton
Cherokee County } Posey proprietor of a farm of
the first part, and his former servants colored
people six in number, namely - Nath Fanny Children
Mary and her Children Caroline Amelia
of the second part. The said Posey agrees on his part
to find, clothe & furnish lodging, food and Medical
attention to the said parties of the second part -
until the first of January next, and to allow them
collectively one fourth part of the corn crop made
on his farm, to be divided equitably among the
selves; and they and each of them agree on their
part, in consideration of the same, to do good and
faithful labor on the said farm, under his di-
rection and Management, for and during the
time aforesaid, that is to say, until the first of
January next. In testimony whereof, the said par-
ties have hereunto signed their names 21st day of
June A D 1865. in the presence of the subscribing
witnesses, the said colored persons signing by their

attest —
L B Jones — S. Posey
W D Pearson } 23rd — Mary
Amelia + Children

Bush & W) Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama. This Indenture Made and
Cherokee County } entered into this 21st day of
June 1865 by and between W W Bush of the County
and State aforesaid of the first part and sundry
laborers of the second part Names hereunto Caucasian &
the County and State aforesaid, Witnesseth: That
the said parties of the first and second part have
stipulated and agreed as follows, to wit; The said
parties of the second part agree to serve the said
party of the first part faithfully & diligently as ser-
vants for and during the remainder of the year 1865
to obey all lawful orders and commands of W W
Bush or his wife touching their duties as laborers
& servants legitimately connected therewith, in
consideration of the premises and agreement of
the said parties of the second part above set forth
the said party of the first part agrees to furnish
the parties of the second part with food, clothing, full
medical attention and houses to live in and in
addition thereto to pay Moses six dollars per Month
with all equivalent on the fulfillment of above con-
tract. When sick a week a deduction in wages
will be made. Phebe is to Nurse and perform
general housework, and in addition to above con-
siderations of the party of the first part agrees
to pay in addition four dollars per month - Mary
Child - Mary to perform the duties of Washer &
Cook &c for considerations above mentioned
In Witness Whereof, the said parties have hereun-
to set their hands & affixed their seals on
this day and year above written = Moses + mark

W W Bush — Mary +
A J Moon Witness } 23rd — Phebe +

Wm Allen, Contract with Freedmen
The State of Ala. This is to certify, that I Wm Allen
Cherokee County } have this day Made a fair Con-
tract for the present year with Miss girl Lady a-
bout 30 years of age about 5 ft 2 or 3 inches high

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I am to feed her & clothe her and give her Two dol
lars pr Month and to take Care of her in Sickness
and furnish her house & fuel — Wm Allen
Witness L E Williams 23rd Ecky + Mark
Tatum Isaac L. Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama, Contract Made and Entered
Montgomery County } into this 25th day of June /66
by and between Isaac L Tatum of said County and State
of the first part and the following named Negroes —
to wit; Jack, Lucy, Eliza, Hank, Alice, and Mariah
of said County and State of the second part —
The said parties of the second part Covenant and
agree to and with the party of the first part that
they will devote their time and labor to the service of
said Tatum do all such work on the farm of said
Tatum as he may direct and obey him in all things
and be subject to the discipline, Rules and Regulations
heretofore kept up on said farm, and not to leave
said farm without the permission of said I L Tatum
And the said party of the first part Covenants
and agrees to and with the said parties of the se-
cond part, that he will furnish them with food
Clothing, fuel, house room and Medical attention
and also divide among them one fifth of the
Corn, peas, Sweet Potatoes and Sugar Cane that may
be made or gathered on said farm — and it is
further agreed between the parties that the said
Tatum shall turn over the fifth part of the crops
above mentioned to one of the parties of the se-
cond part, who shall be chosen by them, and the
party so chosen shall make the distribution among the
said negroes as they may agree among themselves —
The above contract is to expire on the 1st day of Janu
A D 1867 and no longer — In witness whereof the parties
to these presents have hereunto set their hands and
seals the day and year above written —
I L Tatum —
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The above contract was read over to both of the boys
The above contract Who boys and entitled that the

same contract entered into on the day & that the same
was dated between Isaac L Tatum and the negroes there
in mentioned and that they voluntarily entered into
such Contract Sank + mark
Witness Geo W Whitman }
Brown James W. Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama Know all men by these presents.
Montgomery County } That the following Contract is
made and between James W Brown and the Freedmen
in his place, Peter and his family, Harry & his wife, Sam
wife Bob & Wife Caroline and his children & Hager.
the aforesaid James W Brown agrees to furnish food
and Clothing and House room, fuel and Medical
attention in sickness and give a 11th part of his
growing Crop of Corn & fodder and of the sugar cane
& Molasses, also of the growing crop of Tobacco and
the Field Peas. Which the said Brown may have
to Rent — and the James W Brown
aforesaid Freedmen do promise and agree with the
said James W Brown to do all kinds of work as
directed and obey all orders as heretofore this 1st the
first day of Jan 1866. the within Compensation to
be driven on the premises when gathered —
Peter + Caroline + Lettie Emaline +
Harry + Hager + 23rd
Bob + Jane + Witness by
Sam + Emaline + Robt M Moncrief
Brown (& H) Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama This Contract made and entered
Montgomery County } into this the 18th day of June
A D 66 between C H Brown of the County and State
aforesaid, and the parties, Freedmen, whose names &
marks are hereunto affixed. Witness, That for and in
consideration of one eight of corn, fodder, ground Peas
sugar cane, Peas + Sweet potatoes made and raised on the
plantation of said Brown for the present year 1866
the parties hereto agree to, and bind themselves herein to labor
diligently and faithfully for the said Brown and
under his direction for ten hands per day or two hands

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and nine hours in winter during the present year in the cultivation of the crops growing and to be grown thereon, in the making and saving of the same and to attend to feeding and raising of stock and all other things on said plantation. It is agreed that the half of Saturday be given us and the Sabbath except cases of necessity should arise to require our labor to save the crops. It is agreed for any loss of time from a failure faithfully to labor, or from any other cause, not the fault or neglect of said Hansen shall be deducted, and it is agreed that said Hansen is to furnish us with food, clothing, fuel, House room and medical attendance when absolutely necessary and it is further agreed by us that the said Hansen shall be paid at the end of the present year by the pounds for the board and clothing of all children under eight years of age, out of our portion of the present crops. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and date above written

Brady + his mark
Mark + his mark
Middleton + his mark
Adaline + her mark
Amy + her mark
Margant + her mark
Ellen + her mark
Martha + her mark
Daphne + her mark
Young +
Polk +
Colin +
Kitty +

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This is to certify that an agreement was entered into between C H Hansen and the following laborers Hellina (an invalid) Mandy (idiotic) & son, and Sarah old & infirm, said laborers agreeing to work for, or pay the aforesaid Hansen for his support when able to labor. And the latter named to work as directed receiving from Hansen their food and clothing. This agreement to cease the 1st of January 1866.

Witness
John Alford, W D Webster
L Scarbrough

Hellina + her mark
Mandy + her mark
Sarah +

Hall County } Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama } Agreement between Dennis Hall and the following named persons, Mark, Bob, Peter, Nathan, Little Bob, Hamit

and child. Adam. Maria. Matilda. Spray + 2 children. Sarah. Emiline. Celia Ann. Peter. Lucy. 2 children. Jennilla + Riley + child. Minnie. Fannie + 3 children. Little Lucy. Sylvia. Hettie. Chaney. Harry. Tony. John. Isaiah. Reuben. Milton. Zenilla. Mary. Pleasant + his children. Abram. Randall + wife. Sterling + wife + children. Mark + Mahaly. Ned. Clarissa + one child. Emmit. Columbus. and Ida. Jackson. Betsy + one child. Lemon + one child + a mulatto wife Dennis + 3 little children. Polly. Jane. Burrell. Peggy + one child. Bob Brown, wife Jane. Jack Brown + 5 children. Jack Bell. Martha. Jane + 4 children. Polly. Margaret. Phebe + 4 children. Martha Lockett + 4 children. Frank + wife Malinda + one child + Dennis Hall on his part agrees to keep and employ on his plantation above named negroes also about the same + premises; and to furnish them needful medical attendance, houses, fuel, clothing, & food to the end of the year. and to conform to the order of the Superintendent of the Freedmens Bureau as to the time and amount of labor required of said negroes. And the further agree as follows. That of the Cotton, Corn, potatoes & ground peas raised on the plantation during the year 1866 Dennis is to have three fourths. The remaining fourth is to be set apart by itself. and if any of said negroes should leave the place at the end of the year. such negroes leaving shall be entitled to a just & equitable part of said 1/4 to set apart - and the remaining part of said 1/4 not so drawn out shall remain on the place for the support of those who may remain on the place after the present year and the said laborers again on their part to labor faithfully and industriously on the plantation or about the premises or any where else that may be necessary under the direction of said Hall to the end of the year 1866. to be uniformly polite & respectful. take all necessary care of all the stock. and to keep that same of the fencing on the plantation in repair &c &c

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stances - The reciprocal obligations of this contract are to terminate at the end of the year 1865 -
Witness Lemuel W Graham Duncan Hall
M W Collins } Peterson + Randall + Mosher + Clark + Frank + Taylor + Bob Mitchel + Jackson + Burnett + Adam + Lucille + Simon + Bob Burns + Levi + Orm + Bob Minor + Ned + Eli + Miller + their marks -

Livingston L J + H L } contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama } This Indenture, witnesseth, That
Autauga County } the Freedmen whose names are annexed, heretofore belonging to L J + H L Livingston of the State and County aforesaid, being willing to - work up and remain at this period of the year, a number of whom being unable to maintain themselves without said voluntarily and of their own accord bind themselves and children as hereinafter from this date - until and after the present year, to do all of said Livingstons faithful, honest and industrious work - all lawful commands they, protect and preserve the - goods and property of all kinds of the said Livingstons from injury or waste, and not to be absent from service without leave, and in all things and at all times behave respectfully, for the following considerations, to wit: said Livingston agrees to furnish food, clothing, House, fuel, Medical attention and shall issue them the 1/10 one tenth part of the following field crops - corn, fodder, Cotton, Peas, Potatoes Rice + Sorghum to be distributed under the direction of the said John L Livingston among them who shall be entitled upon Merit, under the classification as laid down in the order from the Freedmans Bureau at Montgomery, issued on the 25th day of May ultimo
It is further agreed that whenever any of said Freedmen shall absent themselves without leave or fail or refuse to labor on the plantation of said Livingston as aforesaid upon the same shall forfeit all claim to labor therein the said one tenth of the crop and shall be compelled to leave the premises -
In witness whereof the parties to these presents

unto set their hands this 16th June 1865 -
Sam + Jack + Anderson + John L Livingston
Sam + Ike + Estes + Pat + Henry L Livingston
Green + Dick + Jasper Boy + Patty + Minda + her child
Susan + her Children + Harriet + Stephen + Ben + Caroline + Thilar Under 14 years + Amelia and her Children all under 6 years of age - Thom + Eli Orphans aged 11 + 12 and Geny - an Orphan and Bentley 10 years old + Elsey 16 years
Witness A Y Smith 2439
G A Sawtell }

Sanderson A } contract with Freedmen
State of Ala } Articles of agreement made and entered into "Autauga" County } and upon by A Sanderson of the 1st part and Sundry freedmen and women of the second part "Obed" Rose and five Children, Jane + two Children, Rosetta and two Children. Which the said Sanderson has agreed to feed and clothe and pay Dr's bills to said above five men and women Obed has agreed to work on the plantation until the 1st of Jan/66 for one bale of cotton and one Sack Rose has agreed to work on the plantation until the 1st Jan/66 for the support of herself and Children to be clothed and Dr's Bill paid; also one Calico dress - Jane and Rosetta has agreed to work on the same condition, Wright the above named women has agreed signed in the
Presence of A G Sanderson 2403 A Sanderson
G L Sanderson } Obed + Rose +
Jane + Rosetta +

O'Neill William } contract with Freedmen
Pickens County Ala } This Indenture, Witnesseth that
June 1st 1865 } L W O'Neill agrees to feed and clothe and furnish Medical Attention, house + fuel to the following described Negroes, the balance of this year and to pay said Negroes the amount of money or other articles at the Market value for the considerations hereinafter set forth - 1st A Woman at the Rate of 10 dollars per Month for 2 Months and 8 dollars per Month the balance of the year -

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3d. Ry Handy at the Rate of 8 dollars pr month for 2 months and 2 dollars pr month balance of the year
4th Said Malinda at the Rate of 8 dollars pr month for 2 Months and 1 dollar pr month balance of the year
5th Eliza + 2 children food and Clothing 1st March 46 -
Ede an old woman. for the above considerations the the above named negros promise + agree to be obedient and labor faithfully for the said O'Neill the above mentioned time and make good all lost &c- also be responsible for all Knife or other articles that is or may be put in our care or possession, and to use our best endeavors to take care of the crop- Stock, and other articles of value on the premises of said W. O. Neill

Wm O'Neill
attest L H Calloway

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Cows + Work
Jonas +
Handy +
Malinda +

J B O'Neill

Thomas Richard Sr. contract with Freedmen
The State of Ala. an agreement made between Richmond County & and B Thomas + the following named Laborers to wit: John. Henry. Lucy. Fanny. Sue. Lucy + Sallie + four Children and Edwin Clarissa
The said Thomas agrees on his part to keep + employ said negros on his plantation in said County for the remainder of the present year 1865. to furnish needful Medical attendance, house, fuel, food + clothing & to Conform to the Rules laid down by the Superintendent of Freedmen. as to time of labor - said negros on their part agree to labor faithfully and regularly for said Thomas for the remainder of said year. on the plantation under the direction of said Thomas and not to leave the premises without permission from said except in case of absolute necessity - said Thomas agrees to pay said negros in addition to the above Fifteen dollars. Henry nothing. Lucy fifteen. Sallie four- teen dollars and five eighth dollars each. this contract to terminate at the end of the year 1865

R B Thomas

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Hawks & Mc contract with Freedmen

I W M Hawks of the County of Montgomery and State of Alabama on the one part. and the negroes called freedmen, whose names are hereunto subscribed on the other part. witness that the said Hawks agrees on his part to furnish to the said negroes on his plantation in said County - food, clothing, house, Medical attendance of fuel and he further agrees that they shall have a Share of the Crop 1/5 of all the Corn & fodder that is made on his plantation, and the said Hawks agrees to allow the said negroes land for private Culture as prescribed by the Regulations -

And the said negroes on their part accept and agree to the terms herein set forth, and contained by the said Hawks on his part. and do agree on their part faithfully to labor on the plantation of the said Hawks, the time of labor being ten hours from daylight and dark in Summer and nine hours in Winter except the afternoon of Saturday and the whole of Sunday, except Some necessities should arise to save the Crop in which case the Regulations will be Rendered, and it is further agreed by us. the said negroes, that whenever either or any of us. Refuse to work faithfully when able to do so that pay and support shall be forfeited, and such person shall be Reported to the General superintendent of freedmen at the City of Montgomery. to be dealt with according to Law, and the said negroes further agree to be respectful and obedient as they have hitherto been when employing the Relation of slave and upon their failure to do so. to be forthwith removed from the plantation of the said Hawks without any Compensation and the said Hawks agrees to Rent them with humanity and to make no unreasonable demands of them in any respect. the names of said negroes

Ede Hawk. Rick. Francis. Polly. Susan. Ida + Eric
Anee Aaron. Rick my Lucy. Cyrus. Ike. Jane. Hannah

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Mitt Mosham. Ann. Harriet. Robinson. Dock. Peggy. Milly. Sam. Jeames. Jack. Messer. Clarey. John. Catherine. Ann. Nelly. Margaret. George. Laura. Rachel. Mary. Eden. Rich. = Washington Mark. witness Rast James H) contract with Prudman 2082

The State of Alabama, Know all persons by these Autauga County presents, That I the undersigned Prudman Mitt my five children viz = Frances 13 years. Robert 11 years. Peter 9 years. Eliza 7 years and Sarah aged 5 years. are willing and desire to remain on the plantation of James H Rast of the County and State aforesaid during the remainder of the year 1865 and that we will do and perform all such labor as shall be necessary for the interest of the said James H Rast on the following conditions, to wit: that we are to have our proper clothing, Medical attendance, house-rent and provisions furnished us. In witness whereof I the said Prudman do consent to sign my name. This the 15th day of June A D 1865 =

Mark

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Rast James H) I, James H Rast of the County & State aforesaid, do hereby certify that I have this day entered into the foregoing contract with the said Prudman who with her children wish to remain on my place during the remainder of the year 1865

James H Rast

Witness W L Brown

Moncrief Robert & Martha B. Contract with Prudman

State of Alabama, } We, Martha B Moncrief and
Autauga County } Robert M Moncrief administrators of the estate of Isabel Moncrief deceased do obligate ourselves to compensate the following negro laborers on the plantation of said estate until the 1st day of January 1866. Irvin and Caroline with five children. Lucy with three. Lavina with two. Harriet with 2 children and Pleasant as follows. We obligate to furnish said negroes rations with clothing, houses, fuel, and medical attendance and that we will give the above laborers

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negro laborers one tenth of the present crop consisting of corn, fodder & cotton the corn and fodder to be delivered to them as soon as gathered the cotton to be sold by us & one tenth of the money to be paid to them as soon as said cotton is sold.

Martha B Moncrief adx
Robert M Moncrief

and that upon the said laborers doing their duties as hereinbefore set forth to this instrument do agree to perform faithfully and do all work as heretofore and by the orders given by the aforesaid Adm'x Martha B Moncrief and Rob't M Moncrief until the first day of January A D 1866.

This January 6th 1865 -

Irvin + Mark
Caroline +
Harriet + Lucy +
Pleasant + Lavina +

This is to certify that I am a witness to the above contract

L W Brown

Glasgow John) Contract with Prudman

Greenville Ala. In accordance with the Regulations of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands I the undersigned Superintendent of the Bureau of 26th May 1865 Montgomery Ala. have this day entered into the following contract with the following laborers and upon the following terms to wit: Peter a Man aged 30 years his wife Phebe aged 25 yrs & seven Children Eliza 15, and 3 small Children viz 12, 8, & 4 small children. for the service of the said laborers. I am to furnish them rations, clothing, houses, fuel & Medical attendance, and to Peter & eldest Children four or five proportionate shares with the following laborers. William 24 yrs. Linda 35 yrs. Lon 3 yrs. Harriet a woman 37 yrs. Hal a boy 14 yrs. Mary 4 yrs. for the services of the last named laborers including Peter & 3 eldest children I agree to furnish rations, clothing, houses, fuel & Medical attendance & one fourth of all the corn and long cotton raised on the premises to be divided according to agreement - I Blank

John Glasgow

Wm S Glasgow

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Peter + Phebe + Eliza + Eliz

Williams + Julia + Lon + Venus + Hal + Mary +
Zeigler Geo L) contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama This Instrument Made +
Lawndes County Entered into on this the 20
day of June 1865 by George L Zeigler of the County +
State aforesaid of the first part and the following
named Negro freedmen viz: Daniel 50 yrs. Eliza
his wife 46 yrs. + their five Children viz Charles 16
yrs. Jane 13 yrs. Jim 9 yrs. Daniel 5 yrs. + an in-
fant June 21 years. Amy 19 yrs. + her two children viz
Lee 2 years + an infant. Mary 35 years + her six Children viz
Clooney 15 yrs. Anthony 11 years. Duncan 8 years. John 6
years. Davy 3 years. + Ann 18 months. Sam 45 years. Ha-
rison 28 years. and Eli 40 years. parties of the second
part. Witnesseth. That said parties of the second part-
have agreed + Contracted + do hereby agree + Contract
with the said party of the first part to perform the duties
of farmers and labour for the year 1865 - on and about
the farm of the party of the first part lying and be-
ing situated in the County + State aforesaid. That is to say
the duties of cultivating and gathering the crops and
keeping said farm + the houses + fences thereon in
repair. of doing such rive and wood work as may be
necessary to keep in repair the ragins and farming
utensils necessary for said farm. and of feeding -
watering. and caring for the live stock on said farm
and in consideration therefor the said party of the first
part has agreed + Contracted and does hereby agree and
contract with the said parties of the second part to give -
them one fourth of the corn. fodder and potatoes raised
and gathered upon said farm for said year 1865 - +
the same proportion of food. Clothing. medical attend-
ance - room. fuel which the said party of the first-
part has been in the habit of furnishing to labourers
on his said farm. for said parties of the second part
and their children as herein named. It is further
agreed between the parties. that the females among the
parties of the second part are to labor in spinning
+ Weaving cloth for such length of time as

the said party of the first part may direct said cloth
to be used for clothing said parties of the second part +
their children herein named. It is agreed between
the parties to this instrument that the men and
boys among the parties of the second part shall at-
such time as their services are not needed in the
crop. if directed by the party of the first part. labour
in cutting + hauling wood for sale and in
the event that they do so. then the men and boys so em-
ployed are to receive one fourth part of the wood so
cut. hauled the payment for cutting and hauling said
wood. It is further expressly agreed and understood by
the parties of the second part that they are to discharge
all their duties under this contract with reasonable
care and diligence + under the direction of the said
party of the first part. or of an agent. appointed by him
and that they are to be orderly and respectful in their
manners. and if they fail shall be liable to be dismissed
from said farm together with their wives and chil-
dren. and if dismissed shall forfeit all compen-
sation for services rendered thereon. It is further
agreed by said parties of the second part that a debate
shall be made regularly on each Saturday of services
from those of said parties of the second part who are
competent for the discharge of such duties. who shall
during Saturday afternoon + Sunday feed. water. care
for and attend to the live stock on said farm.
In witness whereof. said parties have hereunto set
their hands + seals the day and date above written -

Signed Sealed
and delivered
in presence of
W S White
George W Brown

Mary + (250)
Charley +
Sam +
Harrison +
Eli

George L Zeigler
Daniel +
Eliza +
Charles +
Jane +
Amy +

Hazlehurst (W L) contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama articles of agreement between
Lowndes County } W L Hazlehurst on one part and
the undersigned Colored laborers of the other part

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...mit: We the undersigned colored people do agree
...our part to remain with the above named W L
...Evans to remain the present year. We agree to labor
...faithfully 10 hours of each day during business, nine
...hours the winter every day except Saturday afternoon
...and Sundays, and bear them to do all the work
...which necessity requires in order to save the crop
...and to feed the stock. We agree to obey all orders of our
...employer or any authorized agent which are reasona-
...ble. We agree to conduct ourselves honestly and orde-
...ly at home and in the community. We agree if we
...fail to comply with any one of the above articles we
...forfeit our contract. Said Family agree to furnish
...the usual amount of clothing, food, shelter and med-
...ical attention, also to give Arch & family twelve fif
...dollars. Bill & family twenty five dollars. Steve and
...family twelve bushels corn. Fanny and family
...and Nancy twelve bushels corn.

Green & family 25 — Arch & family
Henry board & clothes — Stephen & "
attest W. Waldron — William & "
Henry F Chadwick — Nancy Caroline
2d Mo Cavalry U. S. — Henry & family

Mathews Geo. H B } contract with Freedmen
Montgomery Co Ala } We the undersigning having on
June 17th 1865 entered as witnesses that the persons
of Color whose names are affixed to this instrument
did voluntarily, and of their own accord enter into
an agreement with Geo. H. B. Mathews of the State
and County aforesaid that they will remain on his
plantation during the year 1865. work the growing
crop. done it. and do the stock work, as they have
been used to from down they the orders and instructions of
said Mathews. and abide by the laws. published by
the General Superintendent of Freedmen May 29th
regulating labor. The said Colored persons to receive one
fourth of what may be produced of corn and fod-
der said Mathews agrees to furnish clothing as
before named. food. from and Medical attendan-

In witness whereof we have set our hands and seals
and marks this 17th June 1865.

In presence of — 2579 — Geo. H B Mathews
Charles McDaniel — Abram + Frank.
G B Jones — Silvia + Bob + Ina + Isabella

Connell J M } contract with Freedmen
State of Ala } Know all men by these presents that
I Wm L. J M Connell of the State and County
aforesaid do bargain and agree with Jeffery age 13.
in accordance with a late Rule & order of the au-
thorities of the U.S. of America. who is in my service
who wishes to remain still in my employment.
and I on my part bargain and agree to find
him find his victuals clothing and D.r. Bill -
and five bushels of corn - J M Connell
Witness H H Dunpris 25th 20
Orville Dunpris

I. Jeffery on my part do willingly bargain and a-
gree with said Connell to remain in his service
until 25th. of Dec next for my victuals. clothes &
D.r. Bill and five bushels of corn. to perform
any kind of labor that I may be directed to do - by
my employer or his agent - Jeffery + mark
witness Orville D. Dunpris W. H Dunpris

Calloway A B } contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama } Know all men by these pre-
Coosa County } sents. that L. A B Calloway of
the first part. and the following persons freedmen
of the second part. viz: Mylin 70 yrs. Lohn 47 yrs. Tomas
6 yrs. Lock 20 yrs. Lewis 19 yrs. Anne 13 yrs. Whitfield 11 yrs.
Candy 50 yrs. Ellen 44 yrs. Sarah 27 yrs. Matilda 25 yrs.
Lucie 13 yrs. from this day entered into the following -
contract or agreement. viz: I the said Calloway agrees
to clothe. furnish rations. houses. fuel and provide
medical attendance, and I agree to pay them as
follows. To Lohn Mylin Tomas Lock. Lewis. Anne.
Whitfield and Hannah one fifth of the present crop
consisting of 110 acres in corn and part. planted in
Peas. 12 acres in Sugar Millet. and in Cotton -

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and 31 acres in Sweet Potatoes. & Wm Louis A B Calloway agree to clothe, furnish 1 stove, house, fuel and provide Medical attendance for the Children of Mandy. Ellen Sarah, and Matilda, for the service of the above-named freedwomen 12 being the number of children and none of them capable of rendering any service. What soever = The above named freedmen & freedwomen agree to work faithfully ten hours pr. day in Summer months and nine hours pr. day in Winter months at any work the said A B Calloway may wish to have done on his plantation or elsewhere. all lost time to be deducted from said terms or Contract. Witness Wylie + Lewis + A B Calloway

attest Lewis + Anne + Ellen +

A B Ellis Jr. James + Whitfield + Sarah +

A B Calloway Jack + Mandy + Matilda +

Alfred + Mark

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Thomas W. H.) Contract with Freedmen

State of Alabama Know all men by these presents

Coosa County } That L. W. H. Thomas of the 1st Part Left the Freedmen on plantation of the 2d Part. on this day entered into the following contract or agreement. Viz. I the said W. H. Thomas agree to clothe, furnish Rations, fuel & pay Dr bills of the following named negroes and their families & give one fifth pr. of the crop. Left age 40. John 35. Charles 20. Bob 27. Jack 22. George 20. Ben 20. Charles 19. Charlotte 24. Hailey 20. Milly 26. Jinny 25. Peter 20. Henry 16. Ed 15. Hannah 17. Milly 43. Emily 2 Child 18. Anna 35. Martha 18. I said Thomas have in cultivation 310 acres in Corn. 30 in Cotton. 10 in Millet. 5 in Potatoes. and for the above consideration the above named freedmen & the other negroes agree to work faithfully from now until the 1st day of January next at any reasonable work the said W. H. Thomas may direct said negroes to do on his plantation or elsewhere except half of each Saturday & Sunday. Ten days Work must be attended to.

Present W. H. Thomas W. H. Thomas

+ Sam Parsons 255 Left + Mark

& known & L. Contract with Freedmen.

The State of Alabama This Instrument made and Coosa County } entered into on the 17th day of January 1865 by L. L. Cochrum of the State and County aforesaid of the first part and the following named negroes freedmen. viz: Jack 30 years old. a first-class hand & his wife Lizzy 30 years old. a second class hand. Robert 32 years. a first class hand. John 45 years. a second class hand. Ed 49 years. a first class hand. Saul 35 years. a first-class hand & Sarah his wife 30 years. a third class hand & their two children John 45 years. a first-class hand. & Minerva his wife 40 years. a third class hand & their two children. William 35 years. a first class hand & Rose his wife 25 years a second class hand & one child. Rachel 27 years. a third class hand & her two children. Harriet 35 years. a third class hand & her two children. Jane 15 years. a second class hand. Morris 8 years. second class hand & his four Children & Peggy his wife 30 years a fourth-class hand & her son Rick 13 years. a third class hand. Lucy 60 years. a third class hand. Mary 30 years. a third class hand and three Children. and Susan 10 years. a fifth class hand. parties of the second part witnesseth that the said parties of the second part have agreed & contracted and by these presents do agree and contract with the said parties of the first part to perform for him the duties of servants & laborers for the year 1865 at his residence & plantation in the County and State aforesaid. that is to say the usual labor of house-hold & Kitchen work. of cultivating & gathering the crops. of keeping in repair said plantation & the grounds about said residence. and fences about the same. of tending removing & repairing houses on the same and such other labor for the supply of said Residence plantation and persons and stock thereon as said party of the first part shall direct and to

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cost of feeding. watering and taking care of the stock at said residence and plantation and in consideration thereof the said party of the first part has agreed & contracted and does hereby agree and contract to give to said parties of the second part one fifth part of the wheat. corn. fodder & potatoes & cotton & gathered upon said plantation during said year 1865. said one fifth part to be divided among said parties according to their classification in this instrument in the proportion of the rates prescribed & published heretofore by the Superintendent of Freedmen at Montgomery Ala. and also to give to said parties and their children mentioned herein the proportion of food. clothing. house room. fuel. Medical attention which said party of the first part has heretofore usually given to servants & laborers at his residence & plantation aforesaid. It is further agreed and understood that an account of all time lost by the several parties of the second part shall be kept by the said party of the first part and the time lost shall be charged for and deducted ratably from the shares of the parties losing it respectively. It is further understood and agreed by & between the parties to this instrument that a detail of a sufficient number of hands shall be made every saturday afternoon from those competent for such duties. whose duty it shall be to feed. water and take care of the stock of said plantation and at the residence aforesaid and to discharge the necessary household and kitchen work thereon during saturday afternoon and sunday. The said parties of the second part further agree and contract to discharge all their duties under this contract with reasonable care & diligence and to be orderly and respectful in their behaviour and deportment and in the event of either of said parties failing in either of the respects mentioned in this clause he or she shall be liable to be dismissed from his plantation & residence by the said party of the first part with his wife and his or her children and in the event of being so dismissed shall forfeit all compensation for services rendered thereon. It is further agreed that the parties of the second part shall discharge their duties under the direction of the party of the first part or an agent appointed by him. It is further agreed that in the division of the one fifth part of the crops hereinbefore mentioned. that three classes as first. second. third and fourth class hands shall only be entitled to draw and that all other musicians herein shall receive no other compensation than food. clothing. fuel. house room and medical attention above contracted to be given.

In witness whereof. they have hereunto set their hands and seals on the day & date above written

	Isom +	Sarah +	L L Cathcart	
Witness	Cato +	Simeon +	Jack +	
A L Bynum	Morris +	Minerva +	Lizzy +	2573
John Boyle	Agey +	William +	Robert +	
W H Malone	Rhett +	Rose +	Isham +	
Thos L Cathcart	Lucy +	Rachel +	Ed +	
Isaac + Ellen	Isaiah +	Mary	Harriet +	Sol +

Coleman Thomas (est.) contract with Freedmen

The State of Alabama } This Indenture made and
Autauga County } entered into on the 9th day
June A D 1865. between L W Coleman and Miss
Lyra Coleman agents and representatives of the
estate of Thomas Coleman deceased. the first being
the only son and the latter the widow of said de-
ceased of the first part and Aaron. Harriet. Mi-
riam. Melissa. Abner. Hannie. Clerk. Hannie.
Adam. Rachel. Charles. Stephen. Rhoda. Frank.
Robert. Thomy. Lyra. Anthony. Little Sallie. Infant
of Eliza. Manuel. Gardson. Jesse. John Miles. Hannie
Nancy. Liff. Davis. Rose Jane. Sam. Lewis. Edmund
Jane. Hannah. Lydia. Old Sallie Luke and
Manuel Horne. free persons of color formerly
slaves belonging to the estate of Thomas Coleman
deceased of the second part. witnesseth. That the said

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parties of the first and second part hereinafter mentioned and agreed as follows, to wit; That the said parties of the second part agree to serve the said party of the first part diligently and faithfully in the capacity of servants or laborers for and during the remainder of the present year 1865 and to obey all of their just and lawful commands or orders touching the labor business which may be required of them, or concerning or connected with the plantation on which they are now living laboring, or engaged, or any other business engagement or avocation that they of the second part may be required to do, engage in or perform by the said party of the first part, and the said party of the first part in consideration of the premises and engagements of the said parties of the second part above set forth on their part promise and agree to furnish said second parties with food, clothing, and medical attendance when sick, and humane to live in during the remainder of the present year and in addition thereto they of the first part agree to pay over and transfer and deliver to the said parties of the second part one tenth (1/10) of all the crops of every kind and description saving & except Hogs, Meat and Lard during the present year 1865 by the said parties of the second part on the plantation on which they now live and labor belonging to the estate of Thomas Coleman deceased and that said parties of said crops are to be delivered and paid over to said parties of the second part as soon as practicable after the gathering of the same, and that the said parties of the first part shall treat said parties of the second part humanely. Abner, Grace, and Hannah are minors and under the age of eight years and represented in this contract by their Father Isaac Mother Hannah and Hamilton, Hank and Robert are minors under the age of nine years and represented in this contract by their Mother Rachel, Lydia is a minor under the age of one year and represented in this contract by her mother Hannah. Martha is a minor under the age of one year and represented in this contract by her mother Mary. Jane, Sam, Edmund, and Leon are minors under the age of nine years and represented in this contract by their Mother Rose. Lydia is a minor under the age of one year and represented in this contract by her mother Hannah. Statement marked exhibit "A" is hereunto attached and contains a list of the names and ages of all the negroes employed hereon on said plantation. And constituting the parties of the second part in and to this the foregoing contract. In testimony whereof we the parties of the first and second parts hereto have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals this 1st day of June A D 1865.

Witness C B Dexter ?

S W Coleman
Sylvia Coleman

Jane age 38	Adam age 15	Sylva age 3	
Peter " 14	Rachel " 11	Anthony " 1	
Daniel " 38	Charles " 13	Infant-Do " 7 months	
Minnie " 16	Stephen " 17	Eliza 16 years	
Melvina " 14	Rhoda " 30	Manda 41 "	
Abner " 8	Hank " 9	Nessie 17 " 2613	
Grace " 5	Robert " 5	Leon " 13	
Hannah " 1	Henry " 21	Miles " 9	

Hannie 5. Mary 20. Jeff Davis 1. Rose 25. Jane 9.
Sam 7. Lewis 5. Edmund 3. Leon 1. Lewis 22.
Hannah 17. Lydia 4 months - Old Sallie 60 yrs.
Luke 27 years Manda 40 years

Mason & P, contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama, a contract between S P Mason
Lowndes County, and Morgan a black man
Wife and 3 children one boy 12 years of age who

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is an idiot and is not able to work on himself. and two
girls 6 years of age. one 3 years of age. the said B F
Mason agree to give the said black woman & c
certain portion of the present growing crop if the
Bill remain on the farm until it is gathered
to wit: fifty bushels of corn. 200 lbs of Pork. 22 Rows
of potatoes. and feed them and clothe same pay the
Doctors Bill give them groceries and fuel. this 14th
14th day of June 1865 - also to Nelly a black woman
who has five children. one 16 years of age. one 3 years
of age. the said Mason agree to give said black wo
certain portion of the present crop if she
will remain on the farm until it is gathered
the portion. to wit: 50 bushels of corn. 200 lbs of
pork. twenty five rows of potatoes 40 yds long. and
feed her and children and clothe them and pay
the Drs Bills and furnish groceries and fuel -
this the 14th day of June 1865 - 2614
Sally B F } Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama } Articles of agreement made and entered
Lowndes County } into between B F Sally and
his former Servants. viz: Charlotte 50 years of age -
Caroline 41 years and her four Children under
fourteen years. Jack 50 years. Yancey 14 years. Dolly
Ma 13 years. Sam 11 years. I. B F Sally agree to give
Labour as above Stated one fifth of all the corn pro-
duced by me with their Labour the present year
for their rations, feed. Clothe and pay the physician
Bills and furnish groceries and fuel until the 1st
of January Next. B F Sally -
We the undersigned Labour promise to continue to
labor for the said B F Sally the remainder of this
year and obey his orders. if either one of us fails
refuses to do our duty he or she will forfeit their
Interest above Stated. We will faithfully perform our
duties according to Labor Regulations of the 25th May
1865 for one fifth of his present growing crop of
Corn when gathered, to which we subscribe our
names this day and date above -

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Charlotte + Jack + Dolly +
Caroline + Yancey + Dolphin +
Taggers Elizabeth } contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama } Articles of agreement entered
Butler County } into this 15th day of June A D 1865
between Elizabeth M Staggers of the first part and
Silas Staggers of the second part. witnesseth. that
Elizabeth M Staggers of the first part. has this day
hired the above named free persons of color of the
second part. for furnishing them the above named
persons of color. provisions. clothing and medical
attention in sickness. and to furnish them com-
fortable houses to live in rent and free while in
her employment. and the said free persons of color
agree to do all such work as is usually done in
about a farm & house and in case the said free
persons of color above named fail to comply
with the undertaking. and refuse to do the
ordinary work about the farm and house then
the said Elizabeth Staggers will be at liberty to turn
off the above named free persons of color & make
report of the same to the Freedmens agent at
Greenville Ala
Witness names - 2621 Elizabeth M Staggers
Mother - Bishop } Lizzy + "
Violet + Robert } Lena + "
Williams Alfred } Contract with Freedmen
An agreement between Alfred Williams freed-
man Henry this wife Matilda and the daughter of the
latter Lena and infant. the said freedman Henry
is 47 years old. the freedwoman Matilda is 48 years
old. the said freedmen agree promise to work with
Alfred Williams the remainder of this year for the
yield of a certain parcel of land set a part for them
the aforesaid Alfred Williams obligates himself
to clothe & feed and pay their Medical Bills and
feed the remainder of this year June 15th
Witness J L Plant Mark + Alfred Williams
2625 Catherine + Henry + Mark

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Pruitt R B) contract with Freedmen
Ent Olive Ala } Articles of an agreement be-
June 16th 1865 } R B Pruitt + Bob. late a servent-
Joseph Bradford. Bob agrees for his daughter-
Issy a girl of 12 years of age to stay and work
for said Pruitt until Christmas + said Pruitt a-
grees to give her just enough to eat as he has &
give her two suits of clothing and a pr of shoes
& also pay all Doctors bills &c

signed in } 2626 R B Pruitt
Presence of } Bob + Mark
W B Pruitt }

Langford. A. T.) contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama } Know all men by these pres-
Tuscaloosa County } -ents. That I A T Langford
of the State + County aforesaid do bargain and a-
gree with Seaborn age 45 and his wife Hannit-
Nathan 46. and his wife Caroline 45 and her two
Children aged 8 & 6. Easter 6 yr. Martha 4 & Child 1 year
Dinah 19 Child 2. Fanny 15 of color in accordance with
a late Rule and order of the authorities of the U.S.
of America. Who have been in my service and who
wish to remain still in my employment - do on
my part bargain and agree to keep them for their
board and clothing and all the corn that grows
on his rented of fresh land and also their Dr Bills
if any and find -

Witness A T Langford
L O Jeffries } 2634
- Seaborn Hannit Nathan Ca-
roline and her two Children Benn + George. Easter an
her Child, Phillis Dinah and her Child Cesar. Fo
my on our part do willingly bargain and agree
with the said A T Langford to remain in his ser-
vice until the 25th of december next for our board. clothes
and Dr. Bills. and also the corn that is made on
his rented of land. also to perform any kind
of labor that they will be directed to do. by our em-
ployer or his agent. Seaborn Hannit Nathan. Caroline Ben
Witness L O Jeffries } George. Easter. Martha. Dinah. Phillis. Cesar

Pruitt Samuel) contract with Freemen
Ent Olive Alabama } Articles of an agreement be-
June 20th 1865 } -tween Samuel Pruitt & a-
dick late a servant of Jo Hinds. Dick agrees for
himself + family (wife + three children) late servants
said Pruitt, to stay with said Pruitt + work as he
shall require. for which services said Pruitt agrees to
find, clothe + furnish said family with houses to live
in + food to learn and pay all doctors bills &c -

signed in the } Samuel Pruitt
presence of } Dick + Mark
R B Pruitt }
E J Pruitt

Pearce Stephen A) contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama } Know all men by these pre-
Tuscaloosa County } -sents. That me Stephen A
Pearce of the first part, and the following negroes -
to wit, Lewis, George, Frederick, Isaac, Dick, Bolling
Albert, Eva, Sophronia, Dinah, Lana, India, Louisa, Ha-
nah, Jennie, Fannie, Corbin, and Indy, Martha Da-
vis and Caroline and Tom and Willis, Green Ja-
cob, Eliza, Charles, Henderson, Prentice, Lizabeth, Jame-
Eliza, Fannie, Miles, Silas, Simon, Laurence, Lou-
Jane, all of Tuscaloosa County and State aforesaid over the age of twenty one years of age
of the second part, have this day entered into the fol-
lowing contract for the formation of the order estab-
lished by the Superintendent of the
"Freedmens Bureau" of Alabama, viz: the said Pearce
agrees to furnish rooms, farming utensils, provi-
sions, clothing, houses, medical attendance and fuel
to said negroes, and the said negroes agree to do all
necessary work on the said Pearces farm & be subject
to his orders until the 1st day of January 1866. and
to all unnecessary loss of time, and sickness. to
pay to the said Stephen A Pearce, and the said Pearce
for his agrees for the services of said Negroes after the
crops shall be in cultivation are made and gathered on
said Pearces farm to give the said above mentioned
negroes one bale of cotton weighing four hundred

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the said farm the present year. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands this the 18th of January 1865

Witness
L. W. Noble Smith
Wm I Rice
Billing + Lewis +
Frederick + Dossin + Jennie +

Stephen H Pierce
Solomon + mark
George + "
Isaac + "
Dick + "
Eva + "

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Reynolds Peyton) contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama contract and agreement for
Coffee County } work + labor between Peyton
Reynolds of the 1st part and the following freedmen
Women, five - viz Family owned by him. to wit -
Harris aged 35 years. Jane 30 years. Abe 27 years. Alex
25 years. Harriet 20 years. Nancy 18 years. Charles 6 years
Family age 5 years. and one infant. Children. Abe
Franklin aged 9 years. Jane aged 6. Bob aged 8 years
Dick aged 5 years & one infant age 2 months &c.
Peter aged 28 years. and her 4 Children viz Milla
7 years. Lucy aged 6 years. Ora 4 years. Henry 2 years
Tracy 10 years. & her 4 Children. Wm aged 6 years. Louis
aged 4 years. Lewis age 1 year. and Emmett 8 years
with the privilege on the plantation. Witness the hands
the said Peyton Reynolds & the contract and agree-
ments and for the purpose to furnish, clothe, furnish the
Freedmen as provided. That they now occupy on his pla-
-ntation and premises for them such Medical attent-
-dance as they may need until the 1st day of Janua
-ry next. Said feeding & clothing & to be such as he has
usually furnished and to give to each the produ
of the patches they now have in cultivation & to give
the meal of each Saturday and the whole of Sunday
except it should become necessary for the gathering
of the crop. That the Negroes desires to be rendered
and the said freedmen do agree with the said
Peyton Reynolds in consideration of his finding, clo-
-thing &c as mentioned above to labor faithfully
for him as they have always done till the 1st day
of Jan next on his plantation or elsewhere as he

may direct and to remain under his control and
direction rendering to him the same obedience -
that they have ever done since the said 1st day of January
1865 In witness whereof they the said parties have al
signed their names this the 18th day of January 1865
in presence of Peyton Reynolds
L. W. Noble Smith + Lee 2684
Wm I Reynolds Chandy + Harriet + Mary + Phoebe +

Memorandum of Contract with the Freedmen
State of Alabama this Memorandum of agree-
Coffee County } ment entered into between
Peyton Reynolds of said County and State of the first part
and the following coloured persons to wit Jane and
family Sofia and three children + Cato, Lucy and
family. Griffin, Dennis, Isaac, Henry, Tiller -
-wife Dorothy, Hannah, and her female friend Ann
Green of the second part, witnesseth. That the said
persons hereby agree + bind themselves to remain with
said P. Reynolds in the capacity of servants for the
space of the present year 1865. and further more
that we all and each of us promise to be honest -
and industrious, obeying all orders of P. Reynolds
in consideration of which promises the said Reynolds
agrees to furnish the above named negroes a sufficie
-ency of good + wholesome food, house room and
fuel, Clothing and Medical attention, and in addit
-ion to the above named negroes Jane + family 30
bushels of corn to be divided between them. Lucy +
family 40 bushels of corn to be divided between
them. Harriet and family agree to remain for
nothing except their victuals and clothes and the
said negroes that the above written contract is
the contract made and entered into with the said P.
Reynolds + that we will abide by them this June 14/65
P. Reynolds

witness
Sarah Beck
Wm Beck

James + Sofia + Margaret +
Lucy + Griffin + Dennis +
Isaac + Henry + Ann +

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Larkins James L. Contract with Freedmen

The State of Alabama Articles of agreement between
Coffee County } James L. Larkins of the first
part and freedmen and freedwomen to wit: Daniel
Geo. Vardee, Hester Rock, Shadrack, Violet and Julia
and Chelsea of the second part. It is agreed between
the parties, that the party of the first part will give
the parties of the second part their victuals, clothes
Medical attendance, furnish houses & fuel, and also
will give Daniel 10, ten bushels of corn, and the par-
ty of the first part agrees to clothe and feed the chil-
dren 14, fourteen in number from 10 years of age to 2
Months, of the parties of the second part in consid-
eration of the services of the parties of the second part
until the 1st day of december next 1865. and the par-
ties of the second part agree to labor faithfully, tend-
ing horses, clearing new ground or otherwise for
the party of the first part for said consideration. In
witness L. L. Larkins
witness L. L. Larkins

Lewis. Mark (Daniel + Hardee + George +
Hester + Rose + Shadrack + Violet + Chelsea + Julia +

Hammond & Co, contract with Freedmen

The State of Alabama Articles of agreement between
Coffee County } H. & H. Hammond of Coffee County
of the first part, and Monday, Brocket, Peter, and Phil-
lis his wife, Phillip + Tyler his wife, Abram and
Eliza his wife, Allen, Mark, Adam, Jack, John, Cor
Rose, Jenny, Nancy + Children, Julia + child, Rit
Henry + Abram, former slaves of the said H. & H. Ham
mond of the second part witnesseth that the par-
ties of the second part agree to labor on the plan
tation of the said H. & Hammond in said County
the balance of the year 1865 diligently and faith-
fully as they have been used to do, and to be obedi
ent and respectful, and the said Hammond agrees
to furnish them a competency of food, clothing, house
room and pay the Medical Bills, and fifty bushels of
corn is for to furnish them and necessary Stock and
implements to cultivate it, and give them what-

ever of land produces. And the parties of the second part
do not desire to leave the plantation of the said H. &
Hammond 19th day June 1865. H. & H. Hammond
witness H. S. Rhodes Nancy + Monday + Brocket +
Violet Williams Phillis + Peter + Phillip +
her + Alfred + Allen + Mark + Abram + Adam + Jack +
John + Rose + Simeon + Eliza + Julia + Rita + Nancy

Larkins Mary Contract with Freedmen

State of Alabama Articles of agreement between
Coffee County } Mary Larkins wife of the first part
and those agreed upon of the second part. Witness
years of age. It is agreed between the parties
that the party of the first part will give the party of
the second part victuals, clothes, medical attendance
and fuel in consideration of the services as cook
and other services of the party of the second part until
the 20th of December 1865. And the party of the second
part agree to discharge her duties faithfully as
a Cook and Washerwoman for the party of the first
part for said consideration.

Signed in
presence of 27th Mary Larkins
Mary + Mark
L. L. Larkins
Lewis + Mark

Larkins Mary Contract with Freedmen

The State of Alabama Contract and agreement be-
Coffee County } tween Mrs Mary Larkins
the 1st part and the following freedmen and women
the 2d part to wit Edmond 25 yrs. Clinsa 25 years. Patience 24.
Harriet 23 yrs. Edward 20 yrs. Clinsa 15 years. Patience 14.
Jane 40 yrs. Jennie 29 yrs. and her 4 children, ages
as follows, Henry 11 years. John 7. Martha 3. Charles 1
Amanda 24. has 2 Children, Theophilus 2 years. Thad-
deus. Salina 18 years. Margaret 16 years. Brindis 14 years.
Nancy 13 years. Virginia 6 years. Lucy 11 years. Samuel 10
Albert 8 years witnesseth. That said Mrs Mary Lar-
kins doth agree on her part to furnish said freedpeo-
ple. Such amount of food and clothing as she has
usually furnished them, also Bushels of shelling Corn

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they have company on her premises with the Means
provided by said Lee for them such Medi-
cal attendance as they may need till first day of
January next: and said persons not desiring
to leave the said Mary this present winter do agree
that they will remain with her and labor faithfully
for her on her plantation or elsewhere as she may
direct in consideration of being so fed, and clothed
by her till 1st of January next, they further agree to be
obedient & respectful to her and her orders as they
have ever been and to remain under her direction &
control till said 1st day of January next. In testimo-
ny whereof they have all affixed their names this
1st day of Jan 1865 — Mary Larkins, Gabriel Edmond Cary
Witness. J. S. Rhodes. Samuel. Albert. Clarissa. Patience
Jessie. C. J. Lee Jr. Emmeline. Salina Mary. Lewis.

Lee Morris L. contract with Freedmen 2734
The State of Alabama } Contract and agreement for
Coffee County } work and labor between
L. Lee of the first part, and the following persons
and wives, formerly owned by said Lee of the 2d part
to wit: William aged 38 years, Mary aged 33 years. Jack-
son aged 28 years. Eliza 24 years. Sarah. Jane 17 years
and Jack to be confined and the small girls Isa-
bella and Marie each 9 years — witnesseth. That the
said Morris L Lee doth Contract and agree with the
said three persons to find, clothe, furnish them and furnish
them the same quarters that they now occupy on the
plantation, and to furnish them such Medical at-
tendance as they may need till 1st day of January
next. finding and clothing to be as he has usually
done. While they were owned by him — and the
said three persons agree with said Lee, in consideration
of his finding and clothing as above stated to labor faith-
fully from till 1st day of January next faithfully as they
have usually done except the half of Saturday and
all of Sundays unless it should become necessary
in gathering the crop then the necessary labor to be
done. they are to labor on his plantation or else-

where as directed. and to render to him the usual
hours per day. and to assist
under his control till 1st January next. each to be
entitled to the products of their patches respec-
tively. In testimony whereof. we have hereunto set our
names this 1st Jan 1865 — M L Lee
Test. L & P Flournoy Wm. Jerry Jackson
C. J. Lee } Elvira. Sarah 2739

Lee Charles D. contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama Contract and agreement for
Coffee County } work and labor between
Charles D Lee Esq of the 1st part and the following
freedmen. Women. Boys & girls formerly owned by him
to wit: Reuben aged 56. Jackson 53. Charles 53. Mose
aged 53. James 53. Oliver 50. Green 30. Jim 27. Jerry
26 years. Warren 15 years. Martin 12 years. Jefferson
9 years. Kate 35 years. Mariah 30 years. Amanda 40
and her son Mathew 8 years. Harriet 40 years.
Lucretia 30 years. Emma 16 years. Sarah. Jane 35 years
and her 3 small children. to wit: Isham aged 8
Frederick. Harriet 4. Joannah 2. and infant 4 months
old. Antinett 28 years. and her 3 small children
to wit 5 years. Angelina 3 years. and Peter 1 year
old. Jerry 26 years. Mary named with two small chil-
dren. Louisa 5 years. and infant aged 2 months. and Louisa
aged 16 years. = Witnesseth. That the said Charles D
Lee doth Contract and agree with said freedmen
to find. clothe. furnish them the same quarters. that
they now occupy on his plantation, and provide for
them such Medical attendance as they may need
till 1st day of January next. the finding clothing & c to
be such as he has usually furnished and to give to
each the products of the patches that they may have and
cultivation and to give them the half of each Saturday
and the Whole of Sundays, except it should become
necessary for the gathering of the crop. then the ne-
cessary time to be rendered, and the said freed-
men do agree with the said Charles D Lee &c. in
consideration of his finding. clothing them &c as aforesaid

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Thomas above to labor faithfully for him as they have
Lineage done till 1st day of January next on his pla-
-ntation or elsewhere as he may direct and to remain
under his direction and control, rendering to him
the same Freedmen that they have ever done till the
first day of January next. In witness whereof they the
parties have all assigned their names this the 1st day
Test L & P Flournoy Reuben + Jack + Charles + Moses + James +
2761 C S Lee Eliza + Grace + Eric + Adam + Warren +
Martin + Kate + Mariah + Amanda + Harriet + Emma + Sarah
Ann + Betsie + Antonett + Adaline + Louisa + Jefferson +
Hutchison Lewis Jr + contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama, Articles of agreement between
Coffee County } Lewis Hutchison Jr of the 1st
part and the following named Freedmen of the 2d
part viz: Joseph aged 50 yeas. + Lucy his wife aged 45
yeas. And their five Children, viz: Nancy 15 yrs. Ma
-tilda 13 yrs. Lavina 8 yeas. Almira 6 yrs. Dezkiah 4 yrs.
Harriet 2 yrs. and their four Children, viz: Wilborn 11 yr
Augustus 6 yrs. Frederick 4. Maria 2 Months and Cha
-lie 28 yrs. Lucy her three Children, viz: Dennis 6 yr
Hannah 4 yrs. Almantha 2 yrs. Mary 22 yrs. and her
three Children, viz: Charles 5 yeas. Arabus 3 yrs. Tom
-my aged 9 Months. and Julia aged 35 yeas and her
4 Children, viz. Vandas 12 yeas. Mitchell aged 9 yeas
Charity aged 6 yrs. Henry 3½ yrs. and Eliza aged 35 yrs
and her 5 Children, viz: Benjamin aged 18 yeas. Bri
-tania aged 12 yrs. Rose 9 yeas. Flonia 3½ yrs. Louis 1
yeas. And Hiram aged 40 yeas + her child Olivia aged
2 yeas and Eli aged 25 yeas — the above named
Freedmen agree and the friendly bound to labor faith
-fully and perform all such duties. That the said
Lewis Hutchison Jr of the 1st part may require of
them necessary to carry on his farm and care for
his stock or other Contract Themselves in a proper
and respectful manner. In Consideration of the above
obligations Lewis Hutchison Jr of the 1st part agrees to
feed and clothe and give them the necessary Medi
-cal attention and the same grants they now or

carry until the 1st day of december next. at which time the
said Lewis Hutchison Jr further agrees to give to each
of the above named Freedmen, women and Children
a comfortable Cow. all of the above named Freedmen
especially belonged to the said Lewis Hutchison Jr
This Agreement is only binding, until the first
day of December next.
Witnessed by
L J Knight
& W Rhodes

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Lewis Hutchison
Joseph + his mark
Harriet + "
Eliz + mark Charlotte + "
Erson + " Mary + "
Eli + " Louisa + "

Flournoy W W } Contract with Freedmen
Clintonville Ala } Articles of agreement made &
June 15th 1865 } entered into this day between
W W Flournoy of the first part and the follow-
ing named persons of the second part viz: Abram 76
years of age, Pat 50 years. Charlott years. Mary 20 yeas.
Harriet 16 years. Louisa 5 yrs of age with 3 female
children. The party of the first part agrees to furnish
the above named persons, with food. clothing. fuel
doctor + Medical attendance when necessary and
the parties of the second part agree to work faith-
fully for the said Flournoy until the 25th day of
December next. 2775 Noah W W Flournoy. Louisa
Witness. R & P Flournoy. Nat. Pheby. Mary + Mahala +

McKenzie Alexander, Contract with Freedman
Clintonville. Articles of agreement between
Coffee County Ala. I Alexander McKenzie former of
the first part. Labor. Betsy his wife four Children
Nancy. Liza. his wife one child. Lucy Jesse and
Abram freedmen of the second part. The said Mc
Kenzie of the first part do obligate himself to fur
-nish. Provide doctor. fuel and Medical attention
when necessary. And on the part of the second part
the said parties, in Consideration for which the party
of the second part do promise and obligate themselves
labor faithfully for the party of the first till the
twenty fifth day of december — In witness whereof

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of the precincts at my Dwelling in the presence of
Witness. Jake Legas X M. McKinzie
A. W. Sims Betsy Levy
A. L. Herring Minty Lesker Indians

Savage, James } Contract with Freedmen
Centreville Ala } Articles of Agreement made and entered into this day between James
June 15th 1865 } Savage of the first part & Charlotte a Colored woman of the second part. the party of the first part agrees to furnish the said Charlotte with food, Clothing, fuel, Shelter and Medical attention when necessary and the said Charlotte agrees to work faithfully for the said James Savage until 25th of December next -
Witness - James W Savage
Eliza Savage } Charlotte + Mark

Adams Adaline } Contract with Freedmen
Centreville Ala } Articles of Agreement made and entered into this day between Adaline
June 28th 1865 } Adams of the first part. and the following named persons of the other part. viz; Lucy 40 years of age. Dan 14 years of age and two Children 10 and 4 years of age =
The party of the first part agrees to furnish the above named persons with food, Clothing, fuel, Shelter and Medical attendance when necessary. and the parties of the second part agree to work faithfully for the said Adaline Adams until 25th of December next
Witness David Rogers. Adaline Adams
David Rogers } 2793 Lucy + mark -
Daniel Howell } Dan + "

Russell Ab } Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama } Articles of Agreement between
Coffee County } A. Russell of the 1st part and
the following named freedmen & Women of the 2nd part viz: Abe aged boy yrs. Rebecca aged 30 years. Sam aged 26 years. Adam aged 27. Anna aged 22 years. The above named freedmen & women agree and are hereby bonded to labor faithfully and perform such duties as may be necessary to cultivate and carry the farm properly and care for stock in a

proper Manner until the 1st day of december next - and in Consideration of the above agreement. A Russell of the 1st part agrees to give to the above named Freedmen & Women their provisions and Clothing & Medical attention and six bushels of Corn each and the same grounds they now occupy during the time they are at labor in picking and gathering the Crop they are now engaged in cultivating until the 1st day of december next this June 28th 1865 -
Witness
W. Hutchison 2785 Abalom Russell
D. H. Hutchison Ginny + Mark
Tom + Hutchison mk Rebecca + "
Sam + "
Adam + "
Anna + "

Rogers, David } Contract with Freedmen
Centreville Coffee Co. } Articles of Agreement between
June 28th 1865 } David Rogers and the following named persons. viz; Jeff. Peter, Lewis, Adam, Eliza, Milly, Daniel and Beda. The said Rogers promises to furnish shelter, clothing, rations, and Medical attention, 15 of the corn fodder, potatoes, and Chickens raised on the farm. The above named freedmen promising to work faithfully on the farm until 25th of Dec. next. In witness whereof we sign our names -
Witness R. W. Sims
W. S. Smart 2793
David + Rogers
Eliza + Jeff + mark -
Milly + Peter -
Daniel + Lewis +
Beda + Adam +

Hendenmire M A, Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama } Articles of agreement between M
Coffee County } A Hendenmire of the first part and freedmen & freedwomen to wit: Orange, Cesar, Hannah, Jack, Henry, Eliza, Flora, Milly, Dominitia, Lloyd & Margaret. It is agreed between the parties that the party of the first part shall give the parties of the second part Plain Victuals, Clothes, Medical attendance, comfortable houses to live in and also will give to Each

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Jesse Jernigan, and Jack 16 bushels of corn meal and
Henry 2 bushels, and the party of the first part also
agree to clothe and feed the Children (5 in number
three 7 years of age to 8 months) and the parties of the
second part in Consideration of the duties of the par-
ties of the second part until the 1st day of december the
1865. and the parties of the second part agree to la-
bor faithfully cutting timber, cleaning ground &c the
year for the party of the first part for said Consideration
This June 1st 1865

William H Harris
R L Simmons
Simpson + Mark

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M Glendenning
Eliza + Orange + Mark
Milley + Cain +
Flora + Tecumseh +
Narcinta + Jack +
Alford + Margaret + Henry +

Larkins Mary) Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama) Articles of agreement between
Coffee County } Mary Larkins of the first part
and Jack is a freedman of the second part. It is
agreed between the parties, that the party of the first
part will give the party of the second part his vic
tuals, clothes, medical attendance, house & fuel
in Consideration of the duties of the party of the
second part until 25th of december 1865. and the party
of the second part agree to work faithfully for the
party of the first part until the 25th december 1865
for said Consideration This June 1st 1865 =
Signed in M G Glendenning } Mary Larkins 2805
Presence of L L Flournoy } Lewis + Mark

Larkins L L) Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama) Articles of agreement between Jane
Coffee County } L Larkins of the first part and Jane
is a freedman of the second part. It is agreed bet
the parties that the party of the first part will give
party of the second part his victuals, clothes, Medical a
tendance, house & fuel and also 12 bushels of co
12 bushels of potatoes, in consideration of the duties
the party of the second part until the 1st day of de
and the party of the second part agree to work fait

fully for the party of the first part for said Consider-
ation This June 1st 1865 } L Larkins
Signed in M G Glendenning } Simpson + Mark 2806.
Presence of W P Reynolds } Henry + Mark

Larkins Mary) Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama) Articles of agreement between
Coffee County } Mary Larkins of the first part
and Elick is a freedman of the second part. It is a-
greed between the parties that the party of the first
part is to give all the corn made by the party of the
second part to him except fifty bushels which mill
during the party of the first part the party of the
first part agree also to give one third of the fodder
one third of the longer &c. and one third of the
potatoes to the party of the second part in Consid-
eration of the duties of the party of the second part
until 1st of december 1865. and the party of the second
part agree to work faithfully for the party of the 1st
part for said Consideration This June 1st 1865 =
Witness Isaac Tally } 2807 Mary Larkins
Lewis + Mark } Elick + Mark

Larkins Mary) Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama) Articles of agreement between
Coffee County } Mary Larkins of the first part
and Jack is a freedman of the second part. It is a-
greed between the parties, that the party of the first
part will give the party of the second part his victuals
clothes, Medical attendance, house and fuel (12) -
bushels of corn 6 gallons of syrup in Consideration of the ser-
vices of the party of the second part until 25th day
of december 1865. and the party of the second part a-
gree to labor faithfully for the party of the first
part for said Consideration This June 1st 1865 =
Witness L L Larkins } 2808 Mary Larkins
Elick + Mark } Jane + Mark

Larkins Mary) Contract with Freedmen
State of Alabama) Articles of agreement between
Coffee County } Mary Larkins of the first part
and Pauline a free girl 14 years of age of the second

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Article It is agreed between the parties. That the Party of the first part will give the Party of the second part. Comfortable Clothes. Medical attendance. Houses and land. in Consideration of the Services of the Party of the second part until the 25th of December 1865 And the Party of the second part agrees to labor faithfully for the Party of the first part until the 25th of December 1865 for said Consideration. June 1st 1865.
Signed in M & Bloodsmire Mary Larkins
Presence of Lewis + Mark Pandine + Mark 280
Cumming B.A. Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama Articles of agreement made and
Coffee County entered into between Bryant
Cummings of the one part Rea + Tinsey for themselves
and Children, Lelly the Mother and Grand Mother of the
Rachael & Charles and Smart Freedmen and formerly
Slaves except Smart a minor boy of said Cummings of
the other part. Witnesseth. That the said Cummings a
gree to give all the said Grown people until the 1st of Jan
1866 & to give them their food and Clothing as formerly
their usual Medical attention. Houses to live in, fire
and Rice that are cultivating patches are to have
all they can make out of them + the use of a mule
+ all other implements to cultivate them with. Saturday
of each Saturday and all of each Sabbath. The said free
men on their part promise & agree that they will be
good + faithful Servants. Industrious and obedient as
heretofore, and labor for the said Cummings on his
farm or at anything else he chuses to put them
Witness our hands this 1st June 1865
Test L & P Romney Rea B A Cummings 2815
B W Markle Tinsey + Lelly + Rachael + Smart +
Cole L L Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama, An agreement made between
Coffee County L L Cole and the free persons
of Color formerly the slaves of Thomas Cole. L the said
free Men and Women of Color do agree with the
said L L Cole the agent for Mrs. That we will abide
and work on the plantation of Thomas Coles and per-
form our labors and obedience until the 1st day of Jan
next for which L the said L L Cole do promise to
feed, clothe and give unto each his portion of produce
which he or she may make the present year. and
free Men Come for in witness = In testimony
whereof. We sign our names = Dick + 58 yrs. Harry +
12. = Mary + 50. Mary + 50. Anne + 40 - Rancie + 40 = Hannah + 48 -
Wesley + 42 = Jenny + 21 = Nathan + 20 = Walter + 24 = Barbara +
14 - Bowler + 26 = John + 15 - 2834 Fanny + 14 = Sealy + 12 = Edmund
1 - Jesse + 11 = Betsey + 30 = witness A Horsby. L L Coles
Rose Anne Cole Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama Articles of agreement between
Coffee County John & Wife of Coffee County
of the first Part. and Wiley a man 19 yrs of age
and Violet a Woman 36 yrs of age. and her four
children under the age of twelve years. formerly slaves
the said Wife of the second part. said parties of
the second part agree to labor diligently and
faithfully as they have heretofore done, and to
conduct + respect ourselves, and the said John & Wife
agree to furnish them a competency of food. Clothing
houses + fuel and pay their medical bills, and the
said Wiley. Violet & Family do not desire to leave
the premises of the said John & Wife
Signed in
Presence of 2836 John & Wife
John & Wife Wiley + Mark
W. A. Horsby Violet + "
Bradford Duncan Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama Contract and agreement
Coffee County between Simeon Bradford
the 1st part. and the following Freedmen and wo-
men formerly owned by him. to wit. Peter age 35 yrs
Lindsay 35 yrs and four Children age 7. 5. 3 & 1 Lucy
age 12 yrs. Sam age 9 years. Witnesseth. That the said
Simeon Bradford doth agree to furnish said free people
with such food + clothing as he has usually
done and to furnish them the same quarters that
they now occupy on his plantation and perform

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to Them such Medical attendance as they may need
the 1st day of January next and to give them Each
of each Saturday and all of each Sunday except it
should become Necessary to labor on those days. To
gather the Crop when the Necessary labor must be
rendered, and the said free persons not desiring
to leave him the said Simeon Buford their former
owner agree in Consideration of being fed and
Clothed as above stated by him to labor faithfully
for him till 1st day of January next on his plantation
or elsewhere as he may direct and to render
to him the same obedience they have ever done and
to remain under his direction and Control till
said first day of January next. In testimony whereof
We have all affixed their Names this the 1st day
of June 1865 =

Test James Ward
W Edwards

Peter + Bridges
Jerry + Sam +

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Dale Co Ala } Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama } an agreement made and
Coffee County } entered into between L L Cole
and the Black People. To wit: Demps. Mary. Emeline
Jasper. Patsy. all the undersigned Black People
agree that we will perform our duties as manda
to labor and obedience until the first day of
January next. for which L the said L L Cole do agree
to feed and clothe said Demps. Mary. Emeline Jas
per Patsy. and have them attended to in sickness
also give unto each one the proceeds of his or her
patches = In witness whereof we have hereunto
signed our names
Witness B A Perry
L L Stevens }

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L L Cole
Demps + Jasper +
Emeline + Mary + Patsy +

Hornsby Narcissa } Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama } Contract and agreement for
Coffee County } rent and labor between Nar
cissa Hornsby. agent and representative of Lem
Hornsby and the following free men and women
namely owned by L H Hornsby. To wit: William

Clarey aged 30 years. Lem 20 yrs. Francis 14 yrs. Synthy 12 yrs
and their children under 10 yrs of age belonging to
said family of the said free persons. each of which
is under 10 yrs of age. Witnesseth. That the said Nar
cissa Hornsby agent aforesaid with said free per
sons to furnish them Each food and clothing as
the said L H Hornsby usually did and to furnish
them the same gardens That they now occupy and
them for such medical aid as they may
need, and allow them the same privileges they
have usually had to give to each one the proceeds of
their patches they have planted present year and
the said free persons agree with the said Nar
cissa Hornsby agree to do as above stated. That in
consideration of her feeding. clothing as above
stated to labor faithfully as they when the said Nar
cissa Hornsby may direct them, and to be obedi
ent and respectful to her as they have ever been &
remain under her direction and control until said
first day of Jan 1866. = In witness whereof they have
affixed their Names. June 1st 1865

Attest a by
E H Hornsby
L L Stevens }

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William + Mark +
Clarey + " Lem +
Francis + Synthy +

Cunning M G } Contract with Freedmen
The State of Alabama } Contract + agreement between
Coffee County } M G Cunning of the 1st part
and the following free men and women formerly
owned by him to wit: Cupe aged 27. George 15. Rose 30 yrs
Willis 27 yrs and three small children aged re
spectively 7. 2 + 1 years. Matilda aged 14 years
Witnesseth. That the said M G Cunning doth a
gree to furnish said free persons with such
food and clothing as he has usually done. and to
furnish them the same gardens that they now oc
cupy on his plantation and provide for them
such Medical attendance as they may need till
1st day of January next. and to give them the
said of each Saturday and all of each Sunday

cept it should become necessary to labor on
three days to gather the crops. then the necessary
labor must be rendered. and the said freedmen
does not desiring to leave him the said M C
Dunning their former owner. agree in consid
eration of being fed. clothed &c as above stated by
him to labor faithfully for him till 1st day of Ja
nuary next on his plantation or elsewhere as he
may direct. and to render to him the same
obedience they have ever done. and to remain
under his direction and control till said first
day of January next = In testimony whereof the
have all affixed their names this June 1st 1865 =

M C Dunning
Test-Paul Deitrick 2855
Cupet Granger Rose
Harmon Donalson
William + Matilda +

Danley Elizabeth (M) Contract with Freedmen

The State of Alabama Contract and agreement between
Coffee County } E Moreau & M Danley of the 1st
part and the following free woman formerly owned
by her. to wit: Sarah age 17 yrs - witnesseth. That the
said Danley doth agree to furnish said free persons
with such food and clothing as she has usually
done and to furnish her the said grantee that she
may occupy on her premises. and provide for her
such Medical attendance as she may need till
1st day of January next, and to give her the half
of each Saturday and all of each Sunday except it
should become necessary to labor three days to ga
ther the crop. then the necessary labor must be
rendered. and the said free person not desiring
to leave her the said Danley her former owner a-
gree in consideration of being fed. clothed &c as
above stated to labor faithfully for her till 1st of Ja
nuary next on her plantation or elsewhere as she
may direct and to render to her the same obed
ience as ever done. and to remain under her Con
trol and direction till 1st January next =
In testimony whereof she has affixed her (X) mark

this the 1st day of June 1865 - Elizabeth (M) Danley
Mark +
Test W G Kimmey 2856
Bun L P) Contract with Freedmen

The State of Alabama contract and agreement
Coffee County } between Dr L P Blue of the
part and the following free persons for work-
ing labor. for the balance of the year 1865 to wit -
Charles 18 yrs. Edney 12 yrs. and her two children
Stephana 4 yrs. Caley an infant 9 months old.
Hettie 28 yrs. and Andrew her child 10 yrs. Mary
8 yrs and her two children Sallie 11 yrs. James 6 yrs.
Victoria 23 yrs and her three children. Albert 5 yrs.
Rose 3 yrs & infant 8 months old. Clarissa 4 yrs
Abraham 12 yrs all of whom were the property of
the said L P Blue - witnesseth. That the said L P Blue
doth covenant and agree with the said free persons to find
and furnish them, and provide them with the same quantity
and quality of food, and provide them with proper
clothing such as he has ever done in case
of sickness, and also attention that he has ever done in case
of sickness, and also attention that he has ever done in case
of sickness, and also attention that

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[illegible] from this date until the 25th day of December next
[illegible] and for the terms & [illegible] their names is
[illegible] Isaiq Allen Gilbert Frank Pauden Celia Little Lem
[illegible] La Fayette Sophia Rachael Phil Emaline Dave
[illegible] Loog Barn Ebenezer Byrdin Bilet
[illegible] Vannit Thista Charles - & Samuel Standen
[illegible] agree to give the one fourth of the crops grown
[illegible] Unit Slaves to both parties and the fourth
[illegible] the salaries at the home place together with food
[illegible] clothing house room & Medical attendance when ab
[illegible] absolutely necessary also Polite and five Children &
[illegible] and Six Children Maria and Three Children
[illegible] and Three Children Sandis old and infir
[illegible] & infirm Mary old and infirm and
[illegible] with one child Fannie in Confinement Rocky &
[illegible] Child & Louisa and Child Lottie and Two Children
[illegible] one child & about to be confined Samuel Stan
[illegible] agree to furnish them and their children
[illegible] food and clothing house room fuel & Medical at
[illegible] when absolutely necessary and land to cult
[illegible] for themselves & to both parties also Minn
[illegible] and Three Children Jane Hamilton Polly and Ch
[illegible] Samuel Standenmire out of my portion of the
[illegible] agree to take from all equal to Three working
[illegible] according to quality of claim - In witness
[illegible] we the Parties the above Named hereunto set our
[illegible] This the 14th day of June 1865 - S Standenmire
[illegible] Dollie Sandis Maria Jane Candis Pink Mary
[illegible] Louisa Rachel Phil Emaline Dave Milly Elbert Pauden
[illegible] Hamilton Lucky Silas Adam Gilbert Frank Pauden
[illegible] Little Jim Adam La Fayette Sophia Rachel
[illegible] Emaline Dave Milly Elbert Lordan Comfort
[illegible] Ben Ebenezer Byrdin Bilet Cornelia Vannit
[illegible] Charles Loyd Hannie -

This is to certify that the above named Standenmire
[illegible] Persons and that they have this day
[illegible] this Contract - This the 14th June 1865 -

Witness John Hafford
[illegible] John H Dowser } 2nd

This is to certify that the above named free persons
[illegible] agree to work for the aforesaid S Standenmire
[illegible] Three Dollars pr day in the Summer and Two Dollars
[illegible] Winter It is further agreed that for all time
[illegible] or failure to work shall be deducted in the crop
It is further agreed between the parties aforesaid
[illegible] that they shall have half of each Saturday
[illegible] each Sunday except when absolutely necessa
[illegible] to save any part of the crops now growing on
[illegible] plantation of said Standenmire and all other
[illegible] as he may deem necessary to be done such
[illegible] feeding and attending to the raising of Stock -
[illegible] submissed this the 14th day of June 1865 by the
[illegible] White Persons & the colored free persons -

John Hafford Jacob + Mark
John H Dowser Phil + "

Articles of Contract with Freedmen

State of Indiana } Know all men by these presents
Wabash County } That we the undersigned do make
the following compact and agreement: I W Stem a
citizen of the aforesaid County and State do hold my
self firmly bound unto the following named negroes
to wit: Gabriel aged 32 years. Gabriel aged 21 years. Vermi
lia aged 30 years. And Three Children aged respec
tively 1 year. 6 years and 9 years. Caroline aged 24
years and 2 children aged respectively 8 months
and 7 years. Sarah (a cripple infirm) aged 34 years
and one child infant. Lucy aged 32 years. Henry
aged 35 years (very infirm) to furnish them with clo
thing Three fuel them and pay for Medical atten
tion. And we the following named negroes to wit
Silas. Gabriel, Vermilia, Caroline, Sarah, Lucy, and
Henry do hold ourselves severally bound unto the said
I W Stem to labor and to perform all the duties re
quired of us as we have done heretofore for the
balance of this year. I W Stem + Silas + Gabriel + Vermilia
Caroline + Sarah +
Witness Lucy + Henry
D H Saunders Jr } 2nd
M Palmore

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Palmore W W, contract with Freedmen

State of Alabama } Know all Men by These presents
Butler County } That we the undersigned do
Make the following compact and agreement. I W W
Palmore a citizen of the aforesaid County and State do
hold myself bound unto the following named ne-
groes, to wit; Michael 27 yrs. Archibald 24 yrs. Frank-
lin 22 yrs. Thomas 20 yrs. very inf. m. and two Chil-
dren 8 & 10 years. Harriet 26 years. and three Childre
aged 1.5 & 9 years. Daniel aged 15 years. to furnish
them with Comfortable Clothing, Doctor, for them &
pay for Medical attention for the remainder of this
year. and we the following named negroes. to wit
Michael. Archibald. Franklin. Genny. Harriet.
and Daniel do hold ourselves firmly bound unto
said William W Palmore to remain with him &
to work and faithfully perform all the duties
required of us as good and faithful servants for
the remainder of the present year 1865.

Witness

D H Sandifer Jr — Genny + W W Palmore
J W Stein — Harriet + Michael + mark
Daniel + Archibald +
Franklin + "

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STATIONER, PRINTER
&
Blank Book Manufacturer,
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J. Farmer

The State of Alabama. Tallapoosa County.
In obedience to military orders issued at Montgomery, Alabama, on the 25th of May, 1865, the following Contract is made and Concluded on this 24th day of July, 1865. between P. C. Farmer of the above County and State, of the first part, and Annie, a woman and one Child of the Second part formerly property of Said Farmer. The Said party of the Second part Consents and agrees to do faithfull labor in the farm or anywhere else, as may be directed by the Said Farmer, to the first January, 1866. For Such labor faithfully performed, the Said Farmer of the first part. Consents and agrees to furnish her rations, Clothing, medical attendance and house room, &c. for herself and Children.
For Such and every of the above Covenants faithfully performed, we the parties bind ourselves into each other. in witness Whereof we have hereunto Set our seals on the day and year within written, in presence of

Witnesses
E. H. Finch.
Mat. Simmons.

John C. Farmer.
Annie her X mark Farmer.

J. C. Farmer

The State of Alabama. Tallapoosa County.
In obedience to military orders issued at Montgomery, Alabama, on the 25th of May 1865, the following Contract is made and Concluded, on this 25th July, 1865. between J. C. Farmer of the County and State above-named. of the first part, and Samuel Phillis, his wife and two Children of the Second part. all formerly property of the Said Farmer. The Said parties of the Second part, Covenant and agree to do faithfull labor on the field or elsewhere as may be directed by Said Farmer to the first of January 1866 and for Such Services faithfully rendered, the

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Said party of the first part Covenants and agrees to pay unto the said parties and their two children, their rations, Clothing, medical attendance, and house room for the above Stated time; for all and every of the above covenants faithfully performed. We the said parties bind themselves unto each other, in testimony whereof we have hereunto Set our hands and Seals on the day and year within written, in presence of

Witnesses,
H. P. Smith.
Joseph his × Flowers mark

John C. Tanner,
Sam. × Tanner
Phillis × Tanner

John Tanner

The State of Alabama. Tallapoosa County.
In obedience to military orders issued at Montgomery Alabama, on the 25th of May, 1865: The following Contract is made and Concluded on this 24th day of July 1865; between J. C. Tanner, of the County and State above-named, of the first part, and Harriet a woman, formerly property of said Tanner, of the Second part. The ~~Second~~ said party of the Second part Covenants and agrees to do faithfull labor on the farm or anywhere else as may be directed by the said Tanner, until the first of January, 1866; for Such Services faithfully rendered, the said party of the first part Covenants and agrees to pay unto her rations, Clothing, medical attendance and house room, and for each and every of the above Covenants faithfully performed, the said parties bind themselves to each other in witness whereof we have hereunto Set our hands and Seals, on the day and year within written, in presence of

Witnesses,
A. J. Gemmell
Rebecca Williams

John C. Tanner
her
Harriet × Tanner
mark

William Newsom

The State of Alabama. Tallapoosa County,
This Contract made and entered into, under and by virtue and force of an order issued from the 'Freedmen's Bureau of the United States, between William Newsam of the first part and Henry, for himself and Children, Julia and Nelly, both under fourteen years of age; Phebe, Chloe and her Children, Charles under fourteen years of age, of the Second part, witnesseth;
The said William Newsam of the first part, agrees and promises on his part to feed, Clothe, furnish house room and fuel and all necessary medical attendance in case of Sickness; in Consideration Whereof the parties of the Second part agree to labor faithfully and diligently, and be obedient to the orders and directions of said Newsam of the first part, and to be under the discipline and Control of the said party of the first, as heretofore.
This agreement is intended to operate until the first of January, 1866, unless Sooner dissolved by the mutual Consent of the parties Concerned.
Witness our hands and Seals this day of July 2nd, 1865.

Witness,
Newton Newsam.

William Newsam.
Henry his × mark
Phebe × her mark
Chloe × her mark.

Johnson

The State of Alabama Tallapoosa County.
This Contract or agreement this day made and entered into, in accordance with, and in obedience to certain orders and labor-regulations, issued from the Freedmens Bureau, at Montgomery, Ala. between Alfred Johnson of the County and State aforesaid, of the first part, and Champion, Caty, Mary, Nancy and Lewis, all Contracting in their own behalf, and all of the same County and State, of the Second part. Witnesseth:
That the said Johnson for and in Consideration of the faithful Service, labor and obedience of the said parties of the Second part, hereby binds himself to furnish necessary food, Clothing, house room, fuel and medical attendance, during the present year 1865. to the said parties, for and in Consideration of Which the said parties of the Second part, hereby bind themselves jointly and Severally to Serve, labor for and obey the said Johnson, his agent or representative for during said year 1865. faithfully and promptly, and they the said parties further bind themselves to maintain good order and to be Subject to all such direction, Control as they have heretofore been Subject to, to the said Johnson, his agent or representative during the time for which this Contract is made.
In Witness Whereof the said Several parties have hereunto Set their hand, and Signed their names on this the 8th day of July, 1865. Alfred Johnson.
Witnesses: John G. Fowler, E. Whitmore
Champion × his mark. Mary × Caty her × mark. Nancy × Lewis ×

J. C. Tanner

The State of Alabama Tallapoosa County.
In obedience to military orders issued at Montgomery Ala. on the 25th of May 1865. The following Contract is made and concluded on this 24th day of July 1865. between J. C. Tanner of the first part of the above County and State and Mary and her two Children of the Second part, all formerly property of said Tanner.
The said part of the Second part Covenants and agrees to do faithfull labor on the farm or elsewhere as may be directed by said Tanner, to the first of January 1866. and for Such Services faithfully performed the said party of the first part Covenants and agrees to pay into to her and Children their rations, Clothing, medical attendance and house room. and for the above Covenants faithfully performed. the said parties bind themselves unto each other. in witness whereof we have hereunto Set our hands and Seals on the day and year above written in presence of
Witnesses. W. Anthony. P. Anthony. A. J. Golden
John C. Tanner
Mary × Tanner her mark

Owens

We the undersigned agree to labor on the plantation of Owens, names as follows: Lesbon, George and Caroline as plantation laborers at Six dollars per month. The woman five; two Suits of Clothing, one pair of Shoes and medical attendance. The Stock to be fed at a proper time and leaving the plantation without orders. Clothing provided them as long as pay months. with Blankets and Shoes

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Witness,
A.C. Brown

Jeison x
Geolge x
Caroline x

J. A Turner

Lownder Co. Ala June 5th 1865.
Memorandum of a Contract made and entered into between Jonas A. Turner and the negroes on his plantation: Witnesseth: The Said Turner is to furnish the Said negroes with food, Clothing, fuel and medical attendance and when the Crops are gathered and housed he is to give them Six hundred bushels of Corn; the Said Corn to be divided by two disinterested persons, Chosen by themselves according to their Classifications of the hands: the Said Turner to have no trouble dividing it: The Said negroes are to be under the directions of the Said Turner, and are to work faithfully in Cultivating and housing the Crops, and all other plantation work Ten hours per day in Summer and nine hours in Winter, and they hereby bind themselves to report to Said Turner any hand who does not work faithfully. The Said Turner agrees to furnish Said negroes with as much land as they want for patches. They are to have the half of every Saturday to work their patches. or to do any other work they Choose except when their labor is necessary to Save the Crops. When the required Service must be rendered. The above contract to Continue until the first day of January 1866. — Witness our hands the date above written.

James A. Turner.
Charles x for himself and family. John x

Jonas x Harrison x Mason jr. x Oscar x Ned x
Simon x Jim jr. x Anderson x Peter x
Jefferson x Lewis x Joe x William x
Mason jr. x Jim jr. x Henry x Henry for
himself and family Isaac x

Witness.
Eli N. Cookson

J. W. Linsley

The State of Alabama Coosa County.
Articles of an agreement between J. W. Linsly of the Same State and County of the first part and his Servants of the Second part — Easter a woman aged 28 years, Robert a man twenty two years. John a boy nine or ten years of age. We the parties of the Second part agree to work for the said J. W. Linsley from the date of this agreement until the 25th day of December 1865. The Said J. W. Linsley agrees to furnish the above named Freedmen Comfortable Quarters, fuel Clothing provisions and pay all doctor bills, all of which is to be in full payment for their Services. July 1st/65

J. W. Linsley.
Witness.
R. G. L. Cooper.
David Williams.

Easter x
Robert x
John x

J. C. Todd

Articles of agreement entered into this 6th day of June, 1865: between J. C. Todd on the part, and the following named Freedmen on the other part Amy and Daughter Nancy. Witness, That the party of the first part agrees to pay Amy (about forty years old) her daughter Nancy about nine years old, Clothing, rations and medical attendance.

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We of the Second part do agree to perform all the duties that are expected of me and work faithfully ten hours per day in Summer and nine in Winter

Witness
Watson Hlimp } Thos G Todd.
Blake x his mark

State of Alabama. Tallapoosa County
This agreement entered into between Seaborn J. Thomas Contractor, and we the laborers, of the other part. Witneth that the said Seaborn J. Thomas, agrees upon his part to feed, Clothe, furnish fuel and pay Such medical attention necessary, and give said laborers one third of the Crop Growing on the place. Where they are now working. (Wheat excepted.) Calso two thousand lbs of Corn, and that we the laborers of the other part agree to work for said Seaborn J. Thomas. for said one third of the Crop. Growing, (Wheat excepted,) on the place where we are now working, and that we agree to perform good and faithfull labor. on Said farm and agree to pay one third of the wages of the over Seer. on Said farm. and that we promise to Comply with the military orders issued the 2[d] day of May 1865 at Montgomery Ala. This June 5[th] 1865:
Harry x and family. Consisting of Lucy and John Kit x and family Consisting of wife. Sally. Violet Kit jr. Doctor and Pompey. Perry x and family Consisting of wife. Martha. Haley. Gabriel x and family Consisting of. wife Mary Ann Andrew Isaac Denis Luke Bob x and family Consisting of wife. Charity and Jimey. Ginny x Adaline Children, Bird. Elamina, Mack, Mourning Sam, Jerry Altha. Burrell and wife Betsy, Child Kit. Sally Francis x Child. Mary, Ben x Solomon x Charles x Green x Kit x laborers.

Seaborn J. Thomas.

State of Alabama Tallapoosa County.
We the undersigned Certify that we were present and Witnessed the within Contract, and that it was a fair and Satisfactory Contract by both Contractor and laborers. This June 5[th] 1865:
R. P. Wright
A. G. Calloway.
Elias Johnson
J. A. Kapson

The State of Alabama Coosa County.
Agreement for labor between Andrew Todd and Freedman Allen. The said Andrew Todd promises to pay to said freedman Allen his boarding, Clothing, medical attendance house room, fuel. and fifty bushels of Corn. and the said freedman Allen, agrees to work to the 25[th] day of December next.
This third day of June 1865. Andrew Todd.
Witness. Allen x his mark
William Mc Neely
Freedwoman, Permelia.

Prairie June 17[th] 1865. Contract with negroes made by Mrs Mary A. Bayliss on the one hand, and the negroes on the other, William Hawkes 124. Illinois. Co. B. Witnesses that these negroes whose names will be found on this paper. will work from

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this day until. January 1st 1866. for Mrs. Taylor every day, except every other Saturday, and all the Sundays as any work that She, or her agent wishes them to do.— Whether mauling rails, making fences, reaping, plowing, Cutting wood, hauling &c. planting Corn or anything else, or any other kind of work:- for which Services faithfully performed. (and they must Conduct themselves in a decent, orderly and respectful manner.) Mrs. Taylor promises to give them one twelfth of the Crop that is raised on her plantation this year. the understanding being made that those who gather green corn from this Crop will forfeit their Share.— Mrs. Taylor is to feed and Clothe them, and to have medical attendance for them when it is necessary. If any of these negroes Kill a hog, or anything else belonging Mrs. Taylor, they will forfeit their Share. There will be no separate Crop allowed to any negro. Thomas and Prince. Claim the potatoes they planted, but they are not allowed any seperate Crop. they must Share with the rest out of the twelfth of the crop.— Thomas. Prince, Luckey. Bob. Minty, Easter. Ben. Smart, Judy, Sampson, Kitt. Harriet, Grinnage, Ben. Spencer, Monday, Saund. Rachel. Dinah. Stepney, Jack, Hank, John, Charlotte. Ann, Bob. Sam. Betsey, Isaih. Ham. Paul. Phillis, Suzy, Duncan, Boon.

Witness, William Stokes

Mary A. Taylor.

The State of Ala. Chambers County.

Know all men by these presents, that I J. R. Talbot have this day July the 15th 1865. entered into a contract with the former Slaves. until the 25th day of December A. D. 1865. Conditions as usual. Viz:- I agree to pay for all medical attention. Second, feed, Clothe, and Shoe as I have done heretofore, furnishing good rooms with fuel. Third, and lastly These my former Slaves, do agree to work and be Controled by me

July 15th 1865.
We the undersigned do hereby Certify, and witness the above Contract.
L. Talbot.
Jas. H. Jester.

Jno. R. Talbot.
Bob. x his mark
Isaac x his mark
Fanny x her mark
Nancy her mark and 5 Children

The State of Alabama. Lowndes County.

This agreement Witnesseth, That George Thomas, planter, a citizen of Said County of the one part and Charles, Alice, Dick or Victoria persons of Color and now Called freedmen and freedwomen of the other part. in and by virtue of Certain rules, regulations published by one J. W. Conway Superintendent of Freedmens Bureau, and approved and enforced by Maj. Gen. A. J. Smith of the U. S. army, Commanding in this military dist. have entered into the following Contract: Do. wit:- Charles agrees to labor for the Said employer until the end of this year as gardner, hostler and any work he may be called on to do during the year either about his las in Lowndesboro or elsewhere. Alice agrees to serve as Chambermaid milk maid, dairy woman Servant and d.

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any other work Such as Sewing, Cooking. Washing, &c that She may be called on to do, at anytime during Said period, and Vic or Victoria agrees to labor as a Cook for employers family, and to Scour wash &c and do any other work She may be called on to do. by Said employer or his family during the present year. Said Laborers are to be obedient and respectful to employer. and family. to discharge their duties faithfully in every respect. Alice is to be allowed to take in Sewing and Such work for herself, when not engaged in employers business. the Said laborers in the discharge of their duties are to be governed by Said Said published regulations, and the Said employer on his part agrees to furnish them with food. Clothing, houses. Medical attendance and fuel. agrees in addition thereto to Support Viet. Child in What may be necessary, and make her Some presents. agrees also to give Charles occasionally Some pocket money. Alice agrees to reimburse employer for doctors bill and Clothes, in lieu of time allowed her to take in Sewing or other work. In Witness the our hands. this 7th day of June 1866. the Labors as within written to Sign their names in presence of us.

Witnesses
D. H. Williams.
B. F. Perry

George Thomas.
Charles x his mark
Alice x her mark
Victoria x her mark

State of Alabama Lowndes County. near Hayneville. Know all men by these presence that in obedience to Certain Labor regulations made and published by Thomas W. Conway, general Superintendent of Freedmen, on the 26th day of May A. D. 1865. and Enforced by Major General Smith of the U. S. army. We the undersigned Colored people of the one part, and the undersigned John Manart of the other part, have this the 15th day of June, 1865 made and entered into the following articles of agreement to wit:—

The undersigned ~~Peter~~ Colored people agree to remain on the Said John Manarts plantation the remaining of the present year. We agree to work faithfully according to the above mentioned regulations, and do as we have heretofore done. We agree to obey all orders of the aforesaid John Manart, his agent or Superintendent. When Coming to us through the foreman or otherwise. We agree to exert all our power to make and Save the present Crop. and to Secure another. We agree to be polite and respectful to all White persons. We agree to be dilligent in taking Care of all the Stock, tools, waggons and all the property of every kind on the Plantation. We agree to report all Stragglers or Comers on the place who do not report themselves he knowing them to be on the place. We agree that in Case we Should Commit any depredation on any Stock, or any other property on the place, the one Committing Such depredation it being proven, Shall forfeit his part of the hereafter given Share of the Crop. We agree our portion of the Crop Shall be divided according to merit. to be determined by the employer or his agents.

The undersigned John Manart agrees

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upon his part, to put in his present growing Crop, the use of plantation Stock Waggons, tools and all other farming implements which are on the place, and furnish the undersigned Colored laborers the usual house room, medical attendance Clothing and food; and in addition thereto the following perquisites: the privilige of cultivating any idle land in their own time. The said John Manart further agrees that after the above-mentioned Crop is finished and saved and a reservation of all corn, meat, Syrup, potatoes, wool, Cotton, fodder, and the payment of all other expenses incurred in the making of the said Crop, the net proceeds of the same to be equally divided, The said John Manart to have the one half, and the undersigned laborers to have the other half, and also they are allowed the privilige of raising Chickens for their own use and benefit, and also the head of each family the privilige of raising one hog.

Haywood, Archy Sam. Alfred. Agneal. George, Charley. Henry, Ned. John Henderson George Pat, William Bob. Burt Seaman Nelson Buck, Jerry, John. Abin. Oliver. Lee Henderson John Wash Jim Kilby Carter Robert. Typhat Abraham. Allen Millan Lt. Charley Solomon Amede. Monroe. Moses. Wilson, Harrison Harriett Sylvester. Harriet Eliza. Mary. Sally. Celia. Lucy. Judy, Minerva, Lucy Ann. Lee. Amy. Hannah Barb. Adaline. Melvia. Lovina. Rissa, Mary, Ella. Emeline. Jennie. Amanda. Emeline. Sarah Susan Adaline Maria. Rachael. Margaret. Ann. Jane. George. Ann. Alex. Milly Emily Martha Hannah Burk. Dan.

Mr. Manatt Employer
Witnesses.
W. P. Garrett
B. H. Blow

The State of Alabama. Montgomery County.
This agreement witnesseth, that George Thomas, planter and citizen of Lowndes Co, of the one part, and Certain Colored laborers now on his plantation in Montgomery Co. Whose names are here undersigned, of the other part; have entered into the following Contract, in accordance with the published regulations of J. W. Conway Superintendent of Freedmen's Bureau for Alabama and approved and enforced by Maj Gen. A. J. Smith of the U. S. Army, Commanding in this military district. To wit:— The undersigned laborers on their part agree to give their Whole labor and Service to their said Employer George Thomas, for, and during the year 1866. to be under his directions, orders and Control, and the directions, orders and Control of such agent or agents, Superintendents as he may from time to time appoint, and place over his said plantation; to work faithfully and diligently, and to be obedient and respectful unto him, his said agents or Superintendents, especially, to perform all labor that may be necessary and proper in cultivating, saving, and gathering the present Crop on his said plantation, also to plant and cultivate, and save all other Crops in due Season. that they may be directed to do, and in fact to give their whole Service and labor to perform any work in or out door on all of said plantations, during the pres-

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ent year, and as to time of labor. each day to be in accordance with said published regulations. And in case any of employers Stock is stolen or killed or destroyed and injury done to any of his property, by any persons in his employ, then Such persons shall pay to employer out of their wages the value of the injury Sustained for Such depredations. And to be driven off from said plantation and forfeit their wages at the discretion of the employer. all other penalties to be in accordance with said published regulations.

The Said George Thomas Employer as aforesaid agrees on his part, to furnish Said laborers with food, (that is) an abundant Supply of bread, peas and vegetables and five barrels of Syrrup (Sorgum,) and as much meat as he can from the Supply on hand. having lost a large portion of his meat by Gen. Wilsons raiders Should said laborers require and demand more meat than of him than he can furnish from present Stock on hand. then they are to reimburse him from the part of the Crop allowed them in this Contract — als Clothing, houses, medical attendance and fuel; and in addition thereto, after deducting five thousand bushels of Corn from Crop amount

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The State of Alabama. Tallapoosa County.

Whereas. it is required by the published regulations of Robert K. Conway Superintendent of Freedmens Bureau. for the State of Alabama, and in compliance with the same, the following agreement is made and entered into. by and between Jane Taylor of said County and State. of the first part. and the following named negroes. of the second part namely:- Sarah an old woman and Wash. a man. Jack a boy. Adaline and her four Children. Mary and her three Children. Caroline a girl and Eda. under twelve years of age.

Witnesseth; that She of the first part agrees to furnish those of the second part. all proper and necessary food. Clothing, fuel. and house room. and medical attendance for the present year, 1865.

And in consideration of which, Compensation they of the second part. agree and promise to labor faithfully and diligently for her of the first part. and to obey her of the first part. or her agents, and do and perform all labor and duties that She of the first part may assign them, punctually. and to be subject to her orders as heretofore. and to be respectfull in their demeanor to her. of the first part. and to her agents

It is understood that this agreement is binding on the parties until the first day of January 1866. Unless Sooner Canceled by the mutual agreement of both parties

Witness our hands on this the 25th day of July 1865:

Jane Taylor

Witness. } Sarah her x. Wash his x Jack his x:
H. R. Dep. } Adaline her x Mary her x Caroline x Eda x

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The State of Alabama Dallapoosa County.

The following named laborers having forfeited their first Contract by abandoning or refusing to work. and going to Montgomery Ala, but have returned, and I propose to give them food, Clothing, house room fuel, and the necessary medical attendance for the remainder of this year.

We the laborers, namely:
James, Joshua, West, Jackson, Jack, John, Allen and Cloey and John. agree upon our part to annul the first Contract as I have stated, and take the proposition last mentioned, to wit:- food, clothing &c.

The following named laborers, having by leaving forfeited their original Contract without my knowledge or consent and have not returned, namely; John, Patrice, Harriet and five Children.

This July the 27th 1865.

Seaborn J. Thomas

James x his mark, Joshua x his mark,
West x his mark, Jacksan x his mark.
Jack x his mark, John x his mark.
Allen x his mark, Cloey x her mark.
John x his mark,

Witness.
James S. South.

State of Alabama, Rupell County.

This indenture made this the Eleventh day of June 1865. by Adam Thompson, on the one part, and his former Slaves of the other part, Whose names are hereunto Subscribed, agree upon our part,

to labor for said Adam Thompson as heretofore, owing to the number of young and dependent ones upon the plantation of said Adam Thompson.

He upon his part agrees to furnish food, Clothing and good Medical attendance.

Adam Thompson

Witnesses.
M. M. Allen.
James J. Reece

Names of Laborers:-

Jack x his mark age 35.
Harriet x her mark age 30.
Laura, age 4
Ben. age 2
Louisa x her mark, age 22.
Ella age 4
Frances age 8.
Allen, Infant.
Lydia x her mark age, 65.
Addison x his mark age, 43.
Aaron x his mark age, 40
James x his mark, age, 22.
Fanny x her mark age, 15.
Lizzie age 11.
Easter x her mark, age 18.
Delia x her mark, age, 18
George, age 11
Samuel age 10

Lowndesboro. Ala. June 20th 1865.

The following Contract which I present for your ratification, has been Consented to and approved by the Laborers now in my employ.

Among the following named servants I agree to distribute one fifth of the Corn Crop, and give them their Support, Clothing

fuel, and doctors bill.
Andrew, wife and three Children
Billy, wife and three Children.
Nelson wife and one child.
Henry wife and two Children.
Cary wife and two Children.
Loyd wife and one Child.
Wilson and wife.
Sam wife and one child.— Jack and wife. Toney, wife and one child.
William, and wife. Fred, and wife.
Cherry and one child.
Henry Amy, George, Prince Jess.
Joe, Harrison and Albert,

P. W. Turner

Witnesses.
Eli N. Cochran
Dan. M. Carr.
C. H. Winston.

This agreement made and entered into this thirteenth day of June A. D. 1865. between freedwoman Susan late a Slave of James L. Thompson both of Butler County and State of Alabama

Witnesseth: That Susan on her part doth agree to, and with the aforesaid Thompson to live with him and work for him as a farm and house Servant, until the first day of January next.

And the aforesaid Thompson on his part doth agree to and with the said Susan for and in Consideration of the above-named Services to provide her with food, two dresses, and one pair of Shoes, also Medical attendance and house room, and to give her the proceeds of a certain rice and potatoe patch, designated and known to the

witnesse to this agreement

James L. Thompson
Susan Thompson her X mark

Witnesses,
A Golar,
Elisha Boyan,

This agreement made and entered into this thirteenth day of June, A. D. 1865. between freedman Charles, late Slave of A. & R. Reed and James S. Thompson both of Butler County and State of Ala.

Witnesseth: That Charles on his part doth undertake and agree to and with the aforesaid Thompson, to live with him, and work for him as a field hand until the first day of January next:— and the aforesaid Thompson on his part, doth agree to and with the said Charles, for and in Consideration of the above Services, to provide him with food, one suit of Clothes, one pair of Shoes, medical attendance and house room.

James S. Thompson
Charles Reed x his mark

Witnesses.
A. Golar.
Elisha Bayant.

State of Alabama, Lowndes Co. June 17/68.

The undersigned has this day entered into the following Contract and agreement with the freedmen and women on the plantation known as Hampton Hills Situated in Bragg's Precinct in said County. To wit:—

I agree with Isam and his wife Nelly who have four Children to Clothe, feed, furnish house room, fuel and medical attention, together with certain pieces of land

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to cultivate which have already been marked out for them. and on which there are crops planted. and which they are to cultivate with my stock for themselves for their Services this year.
The said Freedmen and woman and their Children to remain on the plantation and work as they have hitherto done, and to work under my direction and obey orders. his
Hampton Bill.
mark

Names of the Freedman and woman,
Isam, his wife Nelly, and four Children.
This is to Certify that the above Contract and agreement was this day entered into between Hampton Bill and the Freedman and woman on his plantation, after he having Explained it to them in our presence the relative position of each party, one to the other and to the government. June the 17, 1865.
Winnok Boyan
A. R. Sims.

The State of Alabama. Coosa Co. June 5, 1865.
Contract of agreement between D. H. Taylor, the Employer, and Linda a woman and family, consisting of three Children unable for labor, the eldest Child 6 years of age the youngest two years old.
It is agreed between D. H. Taylor Employer, and Linda and her family that they remain with the said D. H. Taylor and labor for him until Christmas next. Linda is about 32 years of age 3d Class. The said D. H. Taylor agrees to Clothe, feed and pay for medical attendance, and Comply with the orders regulating Freedmens labor until Christmas.

Signed and agreed and Contracted in the presence of
Witnesses.
W. C. T. Taylor
J. W. Kirby.
Thomas H. Taylor
Employer

State of Alabama. Pike County June 5/65.
Articles of agreement Entered in to this between Samuel Trotter, and Certain Freedment to wit:— Trisey one hundred years of age. Sidney 46 years of age. physically disabled. — Elbert 35 years of age a tolerable good hand. — Polley 27 years of age. with three Children, one Seven. the other 12 years old. Leon. 24 years old with two Children 4 and 3 years old.
Art. 1. We the above freedmen and women, do agree with our former owner Samuel Trotter, that we will remain on and work his plantation. that we will obey all reasonable orders. — that we will bear himself and family with due respect. — that we will work faithfully. and look Strictly to the interest of our employer. — that in the event we fail to render said service. that we forfeit all Claims against said Trotter.
Art 2nd. — I Samuel Trotter bind myself to furnish Land, Stock, farming implements. and agree to furnish the above bounden Freedmen and Women, provisions. Clothing Comfortable Quarters. medical attendance and proper humane attention when Sick. and give them in Consideration of their Services. if faithfully performed. One Sixth of the Com. rice,

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potatoes and Syrup produced by them. on such portion of the land as they may Cultivate besides their patches they have on hand.

Art. 3d.— We said Lowndes freedmen and women and said Potter mutualy bind ourselves in the above obligation to be null and void after the first of January next

Witnesses.
W. M. Paymer
A. A Seagree

Samuel Potter.
Pinsey x her mark
Sidney x his mark
Elbert x his mark
Polley x her mark
Loan. x his mark

The State of Alabama. Lowndes County.

This agreement witnesseth that by and under certain regulations published by T. W. Conway, Superintendent of the Freedmens Bureau for Ala, and approved and enforced by Maj. Gen. A. J. Smith of the U.S. army, Commanding this Military District, To wit:-

Asche Tyson planter and citizen of said County and State as employer of the first part; and the undersigned persons of color, as laborers of the second part, have this the twelfth day of June 1866. entered into the following Contract:- The said laborers above-mentioned have each agreed for themselves to work during the year 1866 for said employer, by his orders and directions, or his agents.

As to amount of labor to be performed,

and penalties for not performing, they are to be governed by the above mentioned published regulations. The said laborers each agree to be faithfull in the discharge of their duty: to be obedient and respectful to employer, his family & his agents; and further agree to take good care of all his Stock, and all other property on the said place; and should either or any of the said laborers commit any depredation on any of employers Stock or other property, they are to account to him for the amount of the damage Sustained. out of their share of the Crop herein after allowed them for their Services and to be retained by him for that purpose. The said Employer on his part in Consideration of said Services, agree to furnish said laborers with houses, fuel, medical attendance, food and Clothing by one suit and a half. with that already given in Cluding a pair of Shoes each; the males to have a hat or a blanket as they may prefer and a woolen coat or jacket is to be a part of their suit. the females to have stocking with their Shoes. any other Clothing furnished to be paid for out of their wages. and in addition thereto, one fourth of the Corn Crop after taking out twenty-five hundred bushels from it, when gathered and saved, for the Consumption on the place in making the Crop &c., also one fourth of the peas; all of the rice, one bushel of wheat to the head of each family. They are also to have the following provisions: one hog to the head of each family and are

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allowed to raise chickens, but not to sell to any other persons but employer. he to give the market prices.

In the distribution of the crops given to said laborers as wages, it is agreed they are to be classed by the foreman and pro-rata by published regulations above referred to.

As witness our hands.

Phil Stephens. } Employer.
Sarah Monrad } A. N. Lyon

Names of laborers:

Phillis Jack
Josh. Jake.
Rachael. Clar
Frank. Henry.
Elick
Joe.
Bill
Myman
Sam.
Ed.
Abbey
Caroline
Alsa
Jacob.
Daniel
Polly
Margaret
George
Harriet
Caroline
Jane.
Manida.
Sam
Catharine
Maria
Daniel
Pink.

Test:—
B. F. Blow. }
W. P. Garrett }

State of Alabama, } Articles of agree-
Macon County. } ment made this day between Mrs. E. Dampling on the first part and former Slaves of said Dampling on the other part.

The Contract is such that the said Mrs. Dampling binds herself to feed Clothe, and pay all medical bills for the said Freedmens Services in the form or any service that may be necessary for the comfort or support of the family, during year 1865.

Said Freedmen bind themselves to be industrious economical, and to be obedient to said Dampling or her agents. Subject to cultivate or gather crop in any way, or at any time the said Dampling or her agents may think proper.

Signed this the 12th day of June 1865.

Mrs E Dampling.

Witnessed } H. Phillips.
B. B. Moore.

Names of Freedmen.

Jenney x her mark
Marcak x her mark
Austin x his mark
Polley x her mark
Seventeen Children under 10 years old.
Solomon. x his mark
Hank x his mark
Dan x his mark
Eliza x her mark
Jane x her mark
Caroline x her mark
Ken. x his mark
Pauline x her mark
May x her mark
Sally x her mark
Mina x her mark
Hanit x her mark
Josa x her mark
Lina x her mark
Katy x her mark.

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I have this day hired myself to E. Morrel until the first of January 1866 for five dollars per month.
And I E. Morrel agree on my part to feed, clothe, pay doctors bill and pay the amount above stated, per. month. July 31st 1865.

E. Morrel
Washington x his mark

Witness } William Brasfield.

Montgomery Co. } Alabama, June 11th 65 } I, R. B. Taylor have Contracted with the Colored girl Manda and her Child to do field labor on my farm till the first of January 1866 and bind myself to furnish food Clothing and medical attendance in case of sickness up to that time.

W. B. Taylor
Manda x her mark

Witness, } W. B. Grays

State of Alabama } In pursuance
Wilcox County. } of B. W. Conway's labor regulations, and ordered to be enforced by Maj. Gen. R. P. Smith, at Montgomery Alabama, on the 26th day of May 1865,
I James L Thigpen of said aforesaid County and State do agree to and with my Servants Signing this agreement below with me to the following terms, to wit:— To furnish them and their families food, Clothing, houses, medical attendance and fuel, as I have heretofore done. I agree to give to Ace a Sow and five pigs, and the Corn that may be made on three acres of land,

as all except Ace were absent during the Cultivation of the Crop. I cannot afford to give them any Share of the Crop. All agree to faithfully labor, as they may be directed at all times until the first day of January next.
Signed in our presence, this 24th of June 1865.

James L Thigpen

Witnesses } James L. Rupert
John N. Thigpen.

names of Laborers:
Ace x his mark
Hulda x her mark
Lawrence x his mark
Peter x his mark
Martha x her mark
Louisa x her mark
Maine x her mark.

New Providence. } Articles of agreement
Pike Co. Ala. June 21/65 } made and entered into between Wm. D. Tisdale, of the first part, and Poe, Cesar, Mehaley and Charlotte formerly Slaves of said Tisdale ~~of the first~~ but now freedmen, of the second part.
Witnesseth, that I the said Tisdale of the first part, promises to feed, Clothe, furnish house room, fuel, medical attendance.
And we the above named freedmen of the second part, promise to render him, the said Tisdale faithful Service until the first of January 66, for the above Consideration. — W. D. Tisdale, — Poe x his mark
Witnesses, } Cesar x his mark
T. G. Underwood Mehaley x her mark
Rufus McElligon. Charlotte x her mark,

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The following is a contract made and entered into by John A Fonvillean the one part, and the negroes whose names are embraced in this instrument. That is I John A. Fonville agree to take Levi, Adam Harry Jack. Elick Cesar and George, and give them togethe one eighth of all the molasses that is made on the place; one bushel of wheat each. and ten bushels of corn each. and fifty pounds pork each: and give them board and Clothing and medical attention. I agree to take Adams three Children. and give them their board. Clothing, and medical attentation a Betty a girl and Dolly her sister a one arm girl. I give them board, Clothing and medical attention Caroline a woman I give Clothing board and medical attention, and extra under Clothing. Elick, wife and four Children I give them their board. Clothing and medical attendance. Harriett a woman, and her son Sam. I give them board. Clothing and medical attention Hannah a woman aged 65 years. I give her board. Clothing and medical attention all of which is in Consideration of their labor until the first of Jan. next. which Contract Commences to-day and remains unchanged this the 6th day June 1865.

J. A Fonville.

The foregoing Contract was correctly read to the negroes whose names are mentioned in said Contract, and the question asked do you agree to take what is offered you? to which they respectfully answered they did agreed to same & signed before us. Thos R Armstrong Commd Freedmens Bureau.

Lowndes County } The following is an
Ala June 15th 1865 } agreement entered in to between R.
P. Thompson and the freedmen on
this plantation. Known as R. P.
Thompsons plantation Situated
in Lowndes County Alabama, near
Cedar Creek. To wit:-
I agree to feed, Clothe, furnish house,
fuel, and medical attendance, and
twenty (20) bushels of Corn for the la-
bors of the present year. The said freed-
men agree to remain on this plantation
and work as they have heretofore done, at least
ten hours a day in the Summer, and nine
in the winter, to work under and obey
all orders of their employers.

R. P. Thompson

I certify that the foregoing agreement was
entered into before me, this day, the party
being informed of his duty to the govern-
ment and his employer.

Lt. R. Glenn
Wm. M. Glenn

State of Alabama. }
Pike Co. June 6th 1865. } Articles of agreement
entered into between A. A Deague, of the
one part, and the following freedmen
to wit— George 34 years old, Henry 38.
Andy 26. Harriet 28 Jane 11. Ellen 1 Hester 33
Nancy 50. Martha. 28 Martha 28 Mary 11
Isabela 9. Sam. 7 Bob. 4 Alex. 2
Art. 1st We the above-named freedmen
do agree to remain on the plantation
of our former owner. A. A. Deague, to an
declare faithful Service; to obey all
reasonable orders; to bear himself and

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family with due respect to look after his interest, and in all respects to be obliegent true faithful laborers. honest and agreable: and upon failure to comply with the above obligations, We agree to forfeit the Considerations herein after Specified.

Art. 2nd. — I. A. A Teague, on my part bind myself to furnish the above named freedmen. and families provisions, Clothes, Comfortable quarters, Medical attendance, and one Sixth ⅙ of Corn, rice, potatoes and Syrup produced by them on plantation of Said A. A Teague.

Art 3d. — We mutually bind our selves to Comply with the above obligations; agree that they Shall remain in full force and effect until the 1st day of January 1866.

A A Teague

Witnesses. } Samuel Potter.
W. M. Teague.

George × his mark.
Henry × his mark.
Andy × his mark.
Harriett × her mark.
Hester × her mark.
Warner × his mark.

State of Alabama. }
Lowndes Co. Jan 10th 65 } I. W. A Thomas, owning a Plantation, and the following negroes! to wit: — Tom, Willis Sarah and Child. Charlotte Thomas and Child Vicy and Child. Clarissa and Child. Pink and Child Bob. Ann and two Children. Maria. Tyson and

four Children. Laurena and three Children. Joe Margaret. Cook and Child Fred. Rolland and Child. Milly Martha and two Children. Daniel. Margaret. Thomas and three Children. Ester Salina and Child. Henry. Charlotte. Cook, and two Children. James. Oscar Maria. lately the Slaves of the Said Wm. A. Thomas, hereby make the following Contract with

The Said Wm A. Thomas on his part agrees to keep and employ the Said above-named negroes, on his plantation, and about his house and premises in Lowndes County Alabama and to furnish them needful medical attendance, houses, fuel and Clothes both for themselves and Children, and to Conform to the order of the Superintendent of Freedmen, as to the time and amount of labor required of Said negroes, and I further agree to give the said negroes one fifth of the Corn and fodder raised on the Said Plantation, of the Said Wm A Thomas, in the year 1865. which Said fifth is to be divided among the Said negroes upon principles of Justice having reference to their respective Capacities, and abilities to labor and Skill and efficiency as laborers, and the Said above-named negroes, agree upon their to labor faithfully and industriously on the Plantation, and about the house and premises of the Said Wm. A Thomas. and be under his directions. and to Conform to the order of the Superintendent of Freedmen as to the times and amount of labor

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required of them, to the end of the year 1866. or which time the reciprocal obligations of this Contract will terminate

W. A Thomas.

Witness. } N. B. Cook

The State of Alabama. }
Macon County. }

Know all men by these presents, That I W. P. Talley of the County and State aforesaid, and a planter by occupation have on my farm near Gochopoka, twenty Slaves who have been declared free by the authorities of the United States. and ordered the planters to hire them if they wished as laborers I accordance with that order, I have this day hired the following freedmen as laborers, until the 25th of December next. Dan. 50 years old. Jacob. 42 years old (ruptured) Howard 18. Henry 25. Celia 45. Rose 45 Ellen 25. Annie 20 (prey mark.) Jane 15. Dilsy 37 (rheumatism) Caroline 15.

Now the Said W. P. Talley, on his part, promises to give to said laborers, for their Services until Christmas the Corn and fodder which may be gathered the present year, from a field, Containing thirty Six acres, lying on the Notasulga road adjoining B. F. Cadenhead.
One acre of Sweet potatoes adjoining the Sugar and Millet patch, and —— bushels of wheat.

Now the above laborers on their part agree to obey all orders, and to do faithful Services. Should any of the above named laborers disobey orders, or refuse

to do good Service; in that event, the Said W. P. Talley reserves the right to dismiss them, they forfeiting their interest in the Crop. Should any of the laborers, lose as much time as one week or more, in that event the Said W. P. Talley, reserves the right to deduct from their interest in the Crop, for loss of time.

The Said W. P. Talley, agrees to give the above laborers, one pair of Shoes each. Some clothing, and pay medical bills furnish fuel and house room

Signed and acknowledged in presence July 4th 1865.

4 Witnesses. W. W. Reave W. P. Talley.
P. F. Malone Dan. x
Jacob. x
Howard x
Henry. x
Celia x
Rose x.
Ellen x
Dilsey x
Jane x
Annie, x
Caroline x

June the 16th 1865.

State of Alabama. }
Lowndes County. } The undersigned has this day entered into the following Contract and agreement with the freedmen on the plantation, known as John Gilson. Situated in Braggs Beat in said County. To wit:— I agree with Henry to Clothe, feed, furnish house room and fuel, medicine and medical attendance and ten bushels of Corn, together with

certain pieces of land. to cultivate for himself this year which has already been marked out for him, and on which there are Crops planted, and which he is to cultivate with my Stock for his Services this year.
The said freedman to remain on the plantation, and work as he has hitherto done, and to work under my directions and obey my orders.

Name of Freedman,
Henry, John Tilson.

This is to certify that the above Contract and agreement was this day entered into between John Tilson, and the freedman on his plantation, after he having explained it to him in our presence, the relative position of each party, one to the other, and to the government. June 6th 1865.

P. M. Brauner.
J. W. Rambing.

The following is a Contract made and entered into between Thomas Talley on one part and the negroes whose names are herein embraced, on the Second part.
That is, I Thomas Talley agree to give Harman, Bob, Alfred, Jacob, Eliza and Patience, board, Clothing and medical attendance, and one fourth part of the Corn made on the place. and they agree to lose all time from Sickness.
I also agree to take Charlote, Alfred, wife and her Seven Children, and her mother and Perry a boy, and give them board Clothing and medical attendance, all of which is in consideration for their labor on the place.

until the first day of January next.
June the 7th 1865.

Thomas Talley

The foregoing Contract was correctly read to the Negroes whose names are mentioned, and the question asked, do you agree to take what is offered you? to which they all answered in the affirmative.
Agreed to, and Signed before us

Franklin Armstrong
Margaret Ellis.

The following is a Contract made and entered into between Robert F. Saylor on one part and the negroes whose names are herein embraced; — That is I R. F. Saylor agree to take Bob, Aaron, and Hank, and give Bob, and Hank Six dollars per month, and Aaron five dollars per month, payable in produce at market prices, and their food, Clothes and medical attendance. I also take Charlotte, Bob's wife and her two Children, and give them food, Clothing and medical attendance. Almyra and Louisa, two girls. I give them food, Clothing and medical attendance, all for and in consideration of their labor to the first of January next. — June 8th 1865.

R. F. Saylor.

The foregoing Contract was correctly read to the negroes whose names are mentioned, and the question asked them, are you agreed to do what is required, and take what is offered, to which they all answered in the affirmative. Agreed to, and Signed before us.

Franklin Armstrong.

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State of Alabama } W. R. Ashford, and
Butler County. } P. M. Hampton of
Said State and County. do hereby
Certify that the following Contract was
this 6th day of June 1865. entered into between
James Thigpen of Said State, and County
and the following named negroes or Freedmen.
Ted. aged 24 years and Amanda aged 20
years. to wit: The Said Thigpen obligates
himself to give Said negroes Each one as
Certain piece of land known to us
and supposed to be five acres, Shall
yield during the year 1865.
The above-named land has Corn growing
on it. Which has been well cultivated
up to this time; Also to feed, Clothe
and give medical attendance to Said
Negroes, as also the following named
Children — Afore Said: — Ted and
Amanda, namely; Susan, aged 8 yrs
and Wade Hampton aged 1 yr.
Said negroes Ted, and Amanda,
Obligate themselves to labor accord-
ing to the order and direction of Said
Thigpen until the first day of January
A D 1866, at which time all the Obli-
gations of the Contract Ceases

James Thigpen.
W. R. Ashford
P. M. Hampton.

The State of Alabama } Contract made
Montgomery County, } and Concluded
this 15th day June 1865. by and between
William Thompson of Said County
and State, of the first part and the
following named negroes to wit: —
Billy and Ike, men; Laura Ann

and Charlotte, and Cinthy women,
formerly Slaves of Said William Thomp
son, in these words: The Said parties
of the Second part. Covenant and agree
to and with the party of the first
part that they will labor on the
farm of Said Thompson. dutyfully
in all things, and follow his di-
rections, and not leave the premi-
ises without his permission.
and be governed by the Conditions
of the Labor Regulations, published
by Freedmen's Bureau, at Mont-
gomery May 26th 1865.
And the Said party of the first, Cov
enants and agrees that he will
furnish all the above-named
negroes with food, Clothing, houses
and medical attendance, and
fuel, and in addition thereto he
will pay the man Billy and Ike,
each the Sum of ten dollars per month
to Charlotte and Laura Ann,
each the Sum of four dollars per
month, and to the woman Cin-
thy, the Sum of Six dollars per
month. Said payments to be
governed by the labor regulations
of the 25th of May 1865.
The above Contract to remain
in full force and effect until the
first day of January 1866. or if the
Crops are Saved and gathered, before
that time; as soon as the Crops are
gathered on the farm now occupied by
Said William Thompson.
In witness whereof, I William
Thompson of the first part, for
himself has hereunto Set my hand.

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and Seal the day and year above written. And I Ike free colored man for himself, and as a witness that the above Contract was explained to the others, and agreed to by them voluntarily, have hereunto Set my hand and Seal the day and year above written

Wm Thompson

Witness, } George W. Whitman, Ike x his mark
for himself and
Billy
Charlotte.
Laura Ann.
Easter.

Montgomery Co. } Know all men
Alabama May 29, 1865 } by these presents,
That I William Taylor, have made the following agreement with the following Negroes, namely; Bartlet, Daniel, Gabriel, Caleb, Jim, Isabe Gray, Rhoda, Jane, Easter, Little Polly, Jonny Jane, Charlotte, Emily and Sukey.
The said Negroes are to work faithfully in the Crops, and at anything else they may be put at. And I the said Wm Taylor am to furnish the land, and what team I have, to haand them, and furnish them with plenty of bread, what meat I have except what is needed for my White family Tools, and one good Sunday Suit of Clothes, and pay reasonable Doctors Bills, and give them one fourth of the Corn and fodder, that is made by them.

They do further agree, and bind themselves to work faithfully until the end of the present year, to pay for all loss time, either from Sickness or otherwise. The parents of the Children who are not able to earn their Support, bind to pay themselves to pay me out of their part of the Crop a fair price for board and Clothing of Said Children. And it is further agreed that Should any or all of Said negroes, refuse or fail to do their duty, that they are to forfeit there part of the Crop. and it is also agreed that the parents are to pay me for the medical attendance of their Children. Sig ned in presence

Wm Taylor.

Witnesses,
Joshua Brown }
W. H. Hubbard, }

Bartlet x
Daniel x
Gabriel x
Caleb. x
Jim x
Betty x
Rhody x
Jane x
Easter x
Polly x
Jane x
Charlotte x
Emely x
Sukey x

State of Alabama. }
Coosa County. }

Agreement entered into between W. E. Taylor employer, and the undersigned Laborers for the remainder of the present year,

to wit: The laborers agree to Serve the said Taylor, to Cultivate and Save his Crops, and do any work required by her of them.

She on her part agrees to provide for them according to the requirements of the Regulations issued by the Superintendent of Freedmen May 25th 1865, and give give each man a pork hog by the end of the year, also to allow full opportunity to make and Save their growing Crops and further, Whenever the condition of my crop will permit. I agree to give them time to work for themselves.

June 15th 1865.

L. E. Taylor

Witnesses,
H. McLinchey
Sarah A. Burt

Jose + his mark
Sam. + his mark
Matt + his mark
Phil. + his mark
Jenny + his mark
William + his mark
Josephine her +
Elvina her + mark

The State of Alabama. } It is agreed
Coosa Co. June 20th 1865 } between
Thomas H. Taylor (the employer)
and Floyd, the head of the family
of laborers, that the said Floyd
a cripple for life, and his family
Consisting of his wife and nine
Children & helpless, unfit for labor,
are to remain with the said Taylor
the present year and labor in any
way, and upon any place of labor

he may require their services, for food, Clothing, (one suit each,) medical attendance and Sixty bushels of Corn, and two hundred pounds of pork, (Shoes excepted)
Said family agree to make faithful hands, and labor to the interest of the employer as well as to their own interest, and in case they fail, or refuse to labor properly, they forfeit their wages, and are to be reported to the Superintendent of Freedmen at Montgomery.

Agreed to and Signed in the presence of
O. C. Bushby
B. L. Bonnett
W. B. Drayton

T. H. Taylor.

State of Alabama } This indenture
Montgomery Co. } Entered into between
Hail Talcot of the first part and the following named freedmen on the Second part. Isaram, Malinda, Easter, Viner and Charles.

Now Hail Talcot of the first part do agree to furnish the above named freedmen of the Second part with food, Clothing, quarters and medical attendance, and in addition thereto, give them ~~Certain~~ Sixteen acres of Corn and fodder, known as the Peach Tree land, and the piece north of it, and Six acres south of the Spring Branch, and to abide by the labor regulation issued at Montgomery Ala. May 25th 1865.

Now we the above named freedmen of the Second part, do agree to labor faithfully for said Talbot, until the first

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day of January 1866 and abide by the labor regulations as issued from Montgomery May 25th 1865.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this the 9th of June 1865.

Earl Talbot.

Witnesses } P. H. Talbot.
N. E. Moulden.

Isaam x
Malinda x
Easter x
Vines x
Charles x

The State of Alabama. } Agreement
Coosa County } for labor between William J. Thompson and freedwoman Permila. The said William J. Thompson promises to furnish the said freed woman Permila and her two children food, and Clothes, and medical attendance, and house room and fuel, and one half acre now in corn.

And the said freedwoman Permila agrees to work until the 25th of December next. This 3d day of June 1865.

William J. Thompson.
Permila x her mark

Witnesses } Wm. McNeily.
Freedman his Allen. mark

The State of Alabama } A Contract
Coosa County June 3d/65 } for labor between William J. Thompson and free boy Newton. The said William J. Thompson promises to pay to said free boy, Newton, boarding and clothing house room, fuel and medical attendance, and Eighteen (18) dollars in

in the currency of the country, and the said freed boy Newton, agrees to work until the 25th day of December next.

William Thompson.

Witnesses } William McNeily.
Freedman his x Allen. mark

free boy Newton.

The State of Alabama } In accordance
Coosa County. } with the published Labor Regulations of Thomas W. Conway Gen. Superintendent of freedmen. of the above State, the following is a Contract entered into between P. H. Forbutton and the following named negroes to wit:— Arnold an old man. Oliver a boy, Martha a girl. The said P. H. Forbutton, on his part promises and agrees to furnish the above-mentioned negroes, good houses, fuel, rations, Shoes and Clothing, to pay them Doctors bills in Cases of Sickness, in a word to treat them as well as usual in every respect.

And the above named negroes on their part promises and agrees to work faithfully for the said Forbutton until the first of January next. and be good and faithful Servants, not only on the plantation but elsewhere.

Given under my hand this June 4th/65.

P. H. Forbutton
Oliver Forbutton x
Martha Forbutton x
Arnold Forbutton x

Witnesses. } P. H. Moulden.
John C. Harrison.

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Pine Land, Montgomery }
County Alabama. }

Witnesseth this agreemen[t] made and entered into this day. between B. G. Derry. and the following named negroes, formerly his Slaves, Namely:- Charles and Maria and her four Children. Stephen. Alfred. Jim and Billy. Eliza and three Children. Ellen, John and Susan. Harvey and his wife with two Children. Douglass and Malinda, Phebe with eight Children. George Lucy and Harriet. with three brothers. Peter, Lizzie, William and Jennette.

Now the said B. G. Derry agree with the said negroes. in consideration of this agreemen[t] to continue [illegible] his Service faithful laborers until the first of January next. To give them in consideration for such Service, faithfully rendered. one tenth of all the Corn produced on his farm the present year, also one one tenth of ground peas. and Sweet peas. also one tenth of the fodder. One Suit of Clothes each, and Shoes. Suitable food, to furnish houses and fuel, and give medical attendance

It is further agreed that Should any one or more of said negroes. violate this contract by leaving the premises of the said Derry before the expiration of their term of Service as herein agreed upon, by refusing to render effective Service. as laborers, or otherwise than such violation Shall work a forfeiture of his or their Share of the Crop.

It is also agreed that said B. G. Derry

Shall divide the profits of their labor as above agreed upon according to the merits of the laborers

B. G. Derry.

Witnesses } G. W. Haden.
} Joseph x Hagler.

Names of Laborers:- Charles. Maria. Stepatien. Alfred. Jim. Billy, Douglass, Phebe, Harriet, Peter. Jennette. Minty, Eliza. Ellen. John. Susan Hagar, Annette. Malinda Lucy Lizzie William. Hewill.

State of Alabama. } Know all men by these
Autauga County } presents. that I Mrs. Elizabeth Burnes, of the State and County aforesaid. do bargain and agree with Hiram, age 10 years. for labor in accordance with a late rule and order of the authorities of the United States. Said boy Still wishing to remain in my Service, I do on my part bargain and agree to keep and give him board, Clothing and medical attendance as heretofore.

And I. Hiram on my part, do bargain and agree with the said Elizabeth Burnes, to remain in her employ never until the 25th Dec. next for food Clothing and medical attendance. Also. to perform any kind of labor that I may be directed to do by my employer or his agent.

Elizabeth Burnes.

Witnesses. } Emma Love.
} Mary A. Barnes.

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State of Alabama } Articles of
Butler County. } Agreement
between J. M. Shippen and Freedmen

We the Undersigned Freedmen, do promise and agree to remain with J. M. Shippen the remainy months of the year 1865. and perform all the duties he may require of us, as we have done heretofore, faithfully and honestly Said J. M. Shippen having promised to furnish us with food, Clothing, fuel and medical attendance when necessary, also to allow thirty bushels of Corn, in case any one of us be unfaithful, or dishonest. We promise and agree to be governed by the "Labor Regulations" June 14th 1865.

James M. Shippen.

Names of Freedmen:
Marion, Mary, Harriet, Alice and Miles.

We the Undersigned certify that we heard the above Contract read in presence of the Said parties, and that it was entirely Satisfactory.

Ch W. Bayles
E. J. Armstrong

The State of Alabama } Be it remembered
Butler County } that on the 19th day of June 1865. E. J. Shippen of Said County, on the one part, and the following named freedmen, former Slaves of Said Shippen, on the other part, to wit: Candis, about 35 years of age and her five Children, Henry, Robert, Mary, Hilley and John, her Children, the oldest under nine years of age, Entered into the following Contract, to wit: For and in Consideration

of the labor of the above-named Freedmen from the 2d day of May last, until the 25th day of December next, The Said Shippen agrees to furnish them with food, Clothing, medical attendance, fuel and horses for Said laborers during Said period, he also agrees not to require Said freedmen to work on the plantation Saturdays afternoon of each week. The Said laborers on their part agree to work faithfully, to obey all orders, and perform everything required of them by Said Shippen or his wife or anybody he employs as Superintendent

E. J. Shippen.

Witnesses { P. H. George.
J. C. Thompson.

The State of Alabama. } Be it remembered
Butler County. } that on the 24th day of June 1865. Gray Shippen, Sen. of Said County, on the one part and the following named freedmen, former Slaves Said Shippen, on the other part, to wit: Bob, aged 50 years, Jake (28) Peter (28) Reuben (19) Caroline (21) Lucy (16) and Ann (20) entered into the following Contract to wit:

For and in Consideration of the labor of the above named freedmen from the 2d day of May 1865. to the 25th day of the ensuing December. The Gray Shippen, Sen. agrees to divide the Corn proceeds of twelve acres of land on which there is now Corn growing, according to mine. And the Said Shippen further agrees to provide food, clothing, medical attendance, fuel, and horses for Said laborers during

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said period; he also agrees to make the same provisions for the families of said laborers. Consisting of three Women and eleven Children; he also agrees not to require of said laborers to perform work on the plantation on the afternoon of Saturday of each week, except in case of emergency. The said laborers on their part agree to work faithfully, to obey all orders, and perform every thing required of them by said Thigpen, his agent, or his wife. This 24th day of June 1865.
Witnesses. Edward Bowin
Josiah Eaton.

Names of Freedmen.
Bob. Jake, Peter Reuben, Caroline, Lucy and Ann.

State of Alabama, } Article of agree-
Coosa County. } ment between
Peter E. Temple. of the said County and State aforesaid, of the first part and his Servants of the second part. Travis a man aged (52) years. America a woman aged (48) Albert a man (24) Augusta a woman. (33) Fanny a woman (16) Susan a woman (15) Easter a girl (14) Sidney, a boy (12)
The parties of the second part agree to work for the above named, P. E. Temple from the date of this agreement until the 25th day of December 1865. The said Peter E. Temple agrees to furnish the above named Colored persons Comfortable quarters and feed, Clothing and provi-

sions. and pay all Doctors Bills. all of Which is to be in full payment for their Services. June 24th 1865. Peter E. Temple
Witnesses. Wm George E. Seaman.
Wm L. Hadgins.

Names of Laborers.
Travis America. Albert Augusta Fanny. Susan Easter. Sidney.

Articles of agreement between P. E. Temple of the first part and Albert a negro man and his wife Caroline and their Children. Eliza a girl about thirteen years old, and Sam eleven years old. and five other Smaller Children. Also Rina a negro woman and her two boys. Lew. and Sam. (Lew is deaf and dumb.) The two boys aged about thirteen. and fifteen, or fourteen and Sixteen. Said Temple agrees to give them what Corn is gathered on Certain piece of land or field. Supposed to be seven or eight acres. also one Sixth of the field Peas and Seven potatoes What they may gather also to furnish them food and houses to Stay in until the first of January next also two Suits Clothes. as follows:
The men and boys two Shirts. and two pairs of pants and one pair Shoes each. the women and girls and Children two dresses each. and those two work in the field one pair of Shoes. also to give them Such medicial attendance as he thinks they may need. that is to wit them in Sickness as ~~to him shall seem fit~~.

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he has done heretofore. Also with Heirbo the Cook between fifty-five and Sixty years old, he agreed to give her the Same Clothing and medical attendance as he thinks necessary. and pay her three dollars per month from the first June until first of January next. and the Said negroes bind themselves to do any and all Sorts of work Whar the Said Tankesly or any person for him may direct them to do, and upon the failure on their part to do good work, by refusing or neglecting, or pretens illness, Said Tankesly has a right to report them to the Supts of the Freedmen's Bureau, also to make them pay for lost time This June 1st 1865.

F. W. Tankesly.
Allen x his mark
Caroline x her mark
Viney x her mark
Heirbo x her mark.

Witness
A. J. Jackson.

Starkville Alabama.
Gen'l 7th A. D. 1865
Maj. Gen. Smith. I will State to you the Contract made between Mazo Mary Siner, and Alexander Bassley, he is to work with me from now until Christmas 25 bushels of Corn, one bushel of peas, and two Suits of Clothes
Alexander Bassley.
Witness } J. M. Siner

State of Alabama. } This Set forth an
Talladega County } agreement made and entered into between J. C. Tramel of the first part and Ranson, Sam. Peter, Susan and Children. Harriet and Children. Viney, freedmen and women of the Second part. The Said Tramel Obligates himself to furnish quarters, provisions, Clothing, fuel and medical attendance on his part.

The Said freedmen and women Obligate themselves on their part, to render good and faithful Service, are not to leave Said Tramels premises without his permission; in Witness Whereof We have Signed our names in presence of this the 6th day of June 1865.

John C. Tramel

Witnesses } P. M. Tramell.
Lewis J. Smith.

Names of Laborers:
Ranson x his mark Sam. x his mark
Peter x his mark. Susan x her mark
Harriet x her mark Viney x her mark.
Theabore Contracter terminates the 25th Dec. next

The State of Alabama } Know all men
Talladega Co. July 15, 1865 } by these presents
That I Curtis Dupree of aforesaid County and State, do bargain and agree with Sally and two Children, one Six years old and the other Eight months old, it being the order of the United States, to keep her and Children for her food, Clothing and Doctors Bills.

I Sally on my part, do bargain and agree with the Said Curtis Dupree, to remain in his Service until the 25th day of December next. for my board

Clothing, and medical attendance.
Also to do any kind of work that
I may be directed to do by Said
Curtis Dupree, or his agent.

Curtis Dupree
Witnesses } G. W. Ray. Sally x her mark
Annie x her mark Jones

The State of Alabama } In obedience
Tallapoosa County } to regulations
published by Thomas H. Conway
general Superintendent of Freedmen.
The following agreement made
and entered into the 20th day of June
1865. between P. H. Dupree of Said County
and State aforesaid of the first part and
Riley a girl thirteen years of age of the
Second part. Witnesseth. The party of
the first part agrees to furnish food,
Clothing and medical attendance
also furnish fuel, house room.
The party of the Second part for and
in Consideration of food, Clothing,
houses room and fuel, agrees to work
for said party of the first part and
to perform good and faithful labor,
for the ballance of the year 1865.

P. H. Dupree.
Riley x her mark

Witnesses } G. M. Harper
C. H. Ferguson.

An agreement between L. W.
Davis on the first part and the
undersigned. Colored persons of the
Second part. That L. W. Davis
agree to feed, Clothe, and furnish
medical attendance, and one tenth

of any presents Crops to the within
named persons. We the undersigned
negros agree to abid the directions
of the Said L. W. Davis.
June 13th 1865.

L. W. Davis.
Clifton x his mark
Sarah x her mark Sallie x her mark
Lusey x her mark
Witness. J. M. Masters.

State of Alabama. } This Contract
Macon County. } entered into this
19th day of July 1865. between P. H. Dowdell
and the undersigned laborers. in Macon
County, Witnesseth: That the Said
P. H. Dowdell agrees on his part to fur-
nish food, Clothing, houses, fuel and
medical attendance. in the same man-
ner as he has here to fore done. to themselves
their families. and Such negros as are
unable to Support themselves, for their
Services the remainder of this year.
And to give additionally one tenth
part of ~~of~~ the Crop of Corn, fodder, peas
potatoes and Sugrcane, to be divided
among the laborers according to the
Classification agreed upon by them-
selves. And the undersigned laborers
agree on their part. to remain on the
farm of the P. H. Dowdell and to
labor faithfully, and abide by the
rules and regulations of the place
in the Same manner as here to fore for
the remainder of this year. in Con-
sideration of food, Clothing, houses,
fuel and medical attendance, fur-
nished to themselves, families and
Such other negros as are unable to Suppor

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themselves. and one tenth part of the Crop of Corn, fodder, peas potatoes and Syrup.

P. F. Dowdell.

Witnesses } Lyncon Berry.
G. W. Modelon.

Names of Laborers, and others upon the place.
Jerry, Caroline, Adam, Katy, Dadge, Ann, Sanders, Trinity, Jacob, Emaline, Reberow, Isaac, Sidney, Mary, Louisa, Elmira, Rose, Maina, John, Charity, Daniel, Dick, Eliza, Catharine, Ann, Claudius, Toby, Bob, Mary Ann, Seaborn, Allen, Joseph, Lucinda, Adelaide, Caroline, Reed, Abram, Nelly, Hiland, Martha, Ameneas, Pauline, Jack, Dave, Edmond, Charlotte, Opha, Josephine, Sammy, Howard, Daniel Reed, Emily, Jerry, Caroline, Adam, Katy Sidney, Isaac Mary, Louisa, Bob, Mary Ann, Joseph, Lucinda, Adelaide, Caroline Reed, Nelly Abram, Emily, Matilda, Dick and Eliza

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P. F. Dowdell & Thomas Hill

State of Alabama, } This Contract entered into this 30th day of June 1865. between P. F. Dowdell, and the undersigned laborers. Witnesseth: That the said P. F. Dowdell, agrees on his part to furnish food, Clothing, Shelter fuel and medical attendance, in the same manner as he has heretofore done for their Services, the remainder of this year, to themselves, their families, and such hands as are unable

to Support themselves, and to give additionally one tenth part of the Crop of Corn, fodder, peas, potatoes and Syrup. to be divided among the laborers according to the Classifications agreed upon by themselves, and the undersigned laborers agree on their part to remain on the farm of the said P. F. Dowdell, and labor faithfully in the same manner as heretofore for the remaining year. 1865. in consideration of food, Clothing, Shelter, fuel, and medical attendance, furnished themselves, families and the old, enable to work, and one tenth part of the Crop of Corn, fodder, peas, potatoes and Syrup. and we further more agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the place, as we have heretofore done

P. F. Dowdell.

Witnesses. } Joseph A Thomas
James C. Perry.

Names of Laborers and others on the place.
Sally, Stephen, Caroline, Shadrick, Lady, Dilly, Richmond, Dawson, Baby, Josephine, Bob, Frances, Edmund, Kitty, Julia William, Augustus, Lewis, Elizabeth, Born, Squire, Mary, Katy, Adaline, Martha, Andrew, George, Ben, Sarah, Like, Sidney, Lucinda, Anderson.

Thomas Hill

The State of Alabama. } An agreement
Chambers Co. July 4th 1865 } made and entered into this day between Thomas Hill, and the following named negroes.
I Thomas Hill, agree on my part to

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furnish Walton a man, and Molley a woman with food and Clothing and pay all necessary medical bills until the 25th day of December next for which they voluntarily agree on their part to give me their faithful Labor and Services, and to be obLervant to all rules and government and not to leave the premises without permission, until the expiration of the above Specified time.

Thomas Hill,

Witnesses. W. L. Adams, James J. Abernathy.

Walton x his mark
Molly x her mark

R. G. Germany

The State of Alabama } Know all men
Chambers County } by these presence,

That I Robert G. Germany, have this day, July 18th 1865 made an agreement or Contract with my former Slaves to wit: Flowanah a woman about fifty years of age, Maria a woman about twenty three years old, with three Children. Sally a woman about twenty years old, with three Children. Perry a man 24 years old Susan a girl 18 years old, to live with me upon the following Condetions.

First.— I agree as I have done to pay all medical Bills

Second.— I agree as I have done to feed, Clothe and Shoe as usual.

Thirdly.— These my former Slaves agree to be governed by me according to regulations for freedmen

Witnesses. J. J. Brooks, H. Liles

Flowanah, Maria, Sally, Perry, Susan.

H. Mc. Name

The State of Alabama } The following is an
Chambers County } agreement entered
into this day between W. H. Mc. Name of the County and State aforesaid, of the one part, Maria, former Slave, and George a hired man of the Second part.

The said W. H. Mc. Name of the first part hereby promises and agrees to furnish to Said Maria and George, for the remainder of year, good and wholesome food, Comfortable Clothing, Quarters, fuel and medical attendance.

And the Said Maria and George aforesaid hereby promises and agrees to work faithfully and dilligently for the said W. H. Mc. Name for the remainder of the present year and to abide by such rules and Regulations as are prescribed by the Freedmens Bureau.

In Testimony whereof we have hereunto Set our hands, this the 2nd day of July A. D. 1865.

W. H. Mc. Name
Maria x
George x

Witnesses. L. A. Brogan, J. Thayer.

The State of Alabama } In Compliance
Montgomery Co., June 7th 65. } With a military order issued by Gen. Smith. I have this day made a Contract with Melinda a Colored woman on my farm.

She on her part is to work on my farm the remainder of the present year, Subject to the same rules and regulations She has always been Subject to.

I on my part agree to give her and her Child Alexander, rations and Clothes as

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I have always done and twenty bushels of Corn out of the growing Crops. and medical attendance.
She failing to Comply Strictly with the above Contract forfeits all Claims, rights and title to the Same and Subjects herself and Child to dismissal at once. The loosing of time from the farm work will pay for, in proportion to amount received.
She is to have the afternoon of every Saturday, except when the necessities of the Crop, or farm demands the whole time. the necessity being determined by me or the Superintendent of the farm
I agree to employ the girl Ellen, until the Jan. 1st 1865 and to pay her twelve bushels of Corn, and her food Clothing, medical attendance, house and fuel. Wiley L. Pary.
I agree to labor under the above agreement. Ellen x her mark

Witnesses. W. C. Abernethy

A. Diskel — The State of Alabama } Coppee County. }
Articles of agreement between Allen Diskel, of the first part, and Harry a freed man age Seventy years. Peggy a woman aged 18. and infant Leah aforesaid aged 2. and her Children Sarah, age 2 Mary Ann. age 1 year, of the Second part.
The party of the first part agrees to hire the party of the Second part

the ballance of this year 1864. and to give them eleven and one half acres of Corn and fifteen bushels of Corn, feed, Clothe, Shoe and furnish medical attendance to Said party.
This given under our hands June (1864) 1865

Witnesses. W. C. Simmons. J. Simmons.

Allen x his mark Diskel
Harry x his mark
Dave x his mark
Peg x her mark
Leed x her mark

W. H. Hubbard — The State of Alabama } Chambers County. }
Articles of agreement entered into between W. L. Hubbard, of the first part and Albert a man about 28 years old, and Charlotte a woman about 16, and Dave a woman about 17 years old former Slaves of the above named Hubbard of the Second part. Witnesseth:— That the Said party of the first part. doth agree to furnish the said parties of the Second part. with Comfortable houses, fuel, Clothing, rations and, medical attendance.
And the Said parties of the ~~Said~~ second parties agree on their part to remain with and upon the plantation of the Said W. L. Hubbard until the 25th of December next, to work and labor as heretofore, under his direction and an control, and further, to obey all orders and rules given, by Said W. L. Hubbard, and also all orders that have been or may be made by the Freedmens Bureau, at Montgomery Alabama

in relation to labor &c.
In testimony whereof, We have
hereunto Set our hands this 20th day of July 1865.
In presence of.

W. H. Hubbard
Allen x his mark
Charlotte her mark
Jane, x her mark

Witnesses.
Geory Willis
George W. Jones

J. Downing

State of Alabama }
Montgomery County } In Compliance
with the orders from Gen. Smith liberating
the Slaves of Alabama. I have this day agreed
to hire my former Slaves for this year at the
following rates: They are to have
the eighth of the Corn and fodder, and
peas and Sweet potatoes. The Same to be
divided when gathered and Stored.
I further agree to feed, Clothe, furnish
medical attendance, and Such part of
the Crop, as is Coming to them to be
divided according to their respective
merits.
They agree on their part, ~~to agree~~ to
Comply with all reasonable orders,
and to labor faithfully, upon the place.
In case they violate my orders or
refuse to work. They will be Subject
to be reported to the Freedmens Buren.

Witnesses,
W. H. H. Dickey
Stanton x

Jas Downing
Allen x
Webster x
James x
Lyda x
Sally x

State of Alabama }
Lowndes County }

J. R. Dudley
C. E. Reese

We the undersigned living on the premises of John Dudley Sen. do Voluntarily. and of our free will and accord. Contract. and obligate ourselves to labor for Jas. R. Dudley and C. E. Reese in any way they may lawfully determine To obey them in all lawful commands. and to render to them faithful Service due from labores to comply with the first of January eighteen hundred and Sixty Six.

For and in Consideration of which Service the Said J. R. Dudley and C. E. Reese do Obligate themselves to give to Whole Some food. Comfortable Clothing. Quarterly. fuel. medical attendance, and one fifth of the Crop made on the place this year.

Remarks:

In addition to the above, there are on the premises thirty-eight Children and five adults. Unable to support themselves.

Sam. x his mark
Jeff x his mark
Henry x his mark
Peter x his mark
Green x his mark
Sandy x his mark
Bill x his mark
Adam x his mark
Winter x his mark
Elias x his mark
Aaron x his mark
Abram x his mark
Peter x his mark
Armand x her mark
Annie x her mark

Frances x her mark
Linen x her mark
Cyrus x her mark
Lizzie x her mark
Matilda x her mark
Easter x her mark
Patsey x her mark
Daphney x her mark
Fanny x her mark
Polly x her mark
Lucy Ann x her mark
Binah x her mark
Lester x her mark
Silvy x her mark
Ginnie x her mark

Leeley x her mark
Lauru x her mark
Hannah x her mark
Isabell x her mark
Lelled x her mark
Easter x her mark
Clarissa x her mark
Adaline x her mark
Jane x her mark
Aggie x her mark

Kissey x her mark
Eliza x her mark
Rudy x her mark
Mary x her mark
Lillen x her mark
Kiz x her mark
Abby x her mark
Ann. x her mark
Judy x her mark
Fanny x her mark
Lena x her mark

State of Alabama. }
Lowndes County. }

June 8th 1866.

We the undersigned do obligate ourselves to fulfill our part of the above Contract. When it is fulfilled by the laborers

P. R. Dudley
C. E. Reese

Witness. } George Reese.

State of Alabama. }
Chambers County }

W. R. Dawson

This agreement made and entered in to this day between Walter R. Dawson of the one part. and the United States authorities of the other part.
Witnesseth: That the said W. R. Dawson on his part agrees to employ until the 25th day of Dec. next, the following named freedmen as laborers. to wit:
Jube. 34 years old. Ben (24.) Julius a boy (15) Owen, a boy (12) and George (6 O.) Harriet. (50) Chaney (40) Mandy (18) Mandy (15) Laura (10) and two Children.

In Compensation. The said W. R. Dawson, agrees to furnish the above-named laborers with good and Comfortable Clothing, food and Medical attendance, And the above-named laborers agree on their part to do good and faithful labor for the said W. R. Dawson

Done June 5th 1865.

W. R. Dawson

Witnesses { B. Hall, William W. Jones.

Jacke x his mark. Ben x his mark George x his mark, Julious x his mark Owen x his mark Harriett x her mark. Chaney x her mark Mandy x her mark Manda x her mark Laura x her mark.

The State of Alabama, Chambers County.

Assigned Dent

This agreement made and entered into this day between Margaret A. Dent of the one part, and the United States authorities of the other part.

Witnesseth: That the said Margaret A. Dent on her part agrees to employ until the first of January next the following named freedmen as laborers to wit: Mark Seventy three years old. Jack twenty-three, Green twenty-one. Dan. eighteen years old. Dores ninety years of age. Charity twenty-four, and her Children. Em. eight Mary Seven Harriet five. Emily three Henry two, and her infant Child three months old. Sarah twenty three, and her two Children. Green four, Jim one year old. Jane nineteen, and in consideration of the Services of the above named Laborers, the Margaret

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A Dent agrees to furnish the above-
named laborers With good and
Comfortable Clothing, food
and medical attendance.
The above named laborers agree
on their part to do good and faith-
ful labor for the time above men-
tioned July 14th 1865.

Margaret A. Dent
Mark x his mark
Dayt x his mark
Green x his mark
Dan x his mark

Witnesses, E. B. Clark
S. P. H Corn

Lucas x Charity x Ann. x Mary x
Harriet, Edna x Henry x Elefant,
Sarah x Green x Jim x Jane x

The State of Alabama,
Chambers County.

This agreement
made and entered into this day
between Michael Dent of the one
part and the United States au-
thorities of the other part. Witnesseth:-
That the said Michael H. Dent
on his part agrees to employ until
the first of January next following
named freed men as laborers.
To wit:—Luck thirty seven years
of age, Jenny twenty six and her
five children. Angeline thirteen,
Dan eleven, Abb. nine. Frank seven
Allen two years old, for and in Con-
sideration of the Service of the above-
named freedmen. The said Michael
H. Dent agrees to furnish the above

named laborers with good and Comfortable
Clothing, food, and medical attendance
And the above-named laborers agree on their
part to do good and faithful labor the
time mentioned above July 14th 1865.

M. H. Dent

Luck x Jenny x Angeline x Dan x
Abb. x Frank x Allen x
Witnesses, W. R. Davidson
G. H. Watson,

Montgomery Alabama,
June 11th 1865.

We the undersigned
Freedmen and laborers of the County
of Montgomery. do Contract to hire
Myself Mrs. Sarah Dickerson and to do
her good and faithful work for our
food, Clothing, Quarters fuel and med-
ical attendance.

Sarah Dickerson
Daniel x Campbell his mark
Minerva x Campbell her mark

Witness, Peyton R. Hall.

State of Alabama,
Autauga County.

ting Witnesseth: This instrumen of writ-
That I W. P. De Jarnette have this day
agreed with Rachael and her three chil-
dren, (the oldest 8 years old.) free persons
of Color, to work for me until the first
day of January 1866. for food, Clothing,
fuel one pair of Shoes for Rachael, house
rent, and medical attendance. June 17th
1865.

J. P. McDaniette
Rachael x her mark.

This is to Certify that we have this day Seen Rachael Sign her name, after having the above instrument of writing explained to her.

Witnesses. } James D. McDaniette.
} L. P. Henderson.

James Douglas makes the following Contract with Easter, Lucky, Amanda, Nancy Thornton, Asbury Negroes late the slaves of the Said Douglas.

The Said James Douglas agrees to furnish to the Said negroes and their Children, food, Clothing, houses and medical attendance, until the end of the present year, and Comply with the Regulations prescribed by the late orders of the Superintendents of Freedmen, as to the time and periods of labor of Said negroes, and to give the Said negroes one fourth of the wheat, potatoes, ground peas and rice grown on the Plantation of the Said Douglass in Lowndes County during the present year; Which Said fourth is to be divided among the negroes upon principles of justice and right having in reference to the various and respective degrees of efficiency and ability and industry of the Said Several freedmen as laborers.

And the Said negroes on their part agree to labor faithfully and industriously upon the Plantation

and about the house and premises, and business of the said Douglass, and under his supervision direction to the end of the present year. and to be Governed by the regulations of the said Superintendent as to loss of time; and Thomson and Nancy, Who have now been heretofore laboring faithfully and industriously agree that if they to labor in churlishly, and demean themselves properly. then the said Douglass may dismiss the one or both of them so failing, and pay at the rate of three dollars per month for each one from this time to the time of dismissal.

The obligations of this Contract to Continue only to the end of the present year. This Contract to have effect and operate on the 1st instant. the time when it was agreed on. June 15th 1865.

James Douglass.

Witness, W. A. Leighton.

State of Alabama.
Coosa County. } Agreement for labor between Rebecca Dennis, and Martin (Colored) The said Martin promises to work for the said Rebecca Dennis until twenty fifth of December next, and the said Rebecca Dennis promises to give the said Martin a Cow and Calf. and two Suits of Clothes, and one Coat. also furnish house, fuel and Medical attendance. June 7th 1865.

Rebecca Dennis.
Martin x his mark.

Witnesses. L. A. Smith
Permelia x

The State of Alabama. } This indenture
Autauga County. } made and entered into this day by
L. J. Daramus — Lewis J. Daramus of the first part
and Fannie a Colored woman of the
Second part. Witnesseth: that the
party of the Second part has agreed
to labor for the party of the first part
the remainder of the present year.
and to perform all such service as she
has heretofore performed. and in consider-
ation of such service. the party of the
first part. agree to furnish her with
board. Clothing. and medical attend-
ance

In testimony Whereof we have hereto
set our hands. this June 16th 1866.

L. J. Daramus
Fannie x her mark

Witness. G. W. Buson.

Montgomery June 6th 1866.
I hereby certify and agree to the following
terms: That I have hired Polk
from this date, until the 1st of Jan.
1866. to whom I am to furnish Clothing
ing and medical attendance. also one
fourth acre to Cultivate
Melinda her Pinkard
mark

The State of Alabama. } This indenture
Autauga County. } made and entered
into this 16th day of June 1866 by and between
James E. Deramus of the County and State
aforesaid of the first part and Dave. Saul,
Edmond, Louisa. Henry and Ella in behalf
of themselves, free persons of Color formerly
Slaves. of the said James E Deramus of the
same County and State of the second part.
Witnesseth: that the said parties of the
first, and the second part have stipulated
and agreed as follows: to wit: The said
parties of the Second part. promise
and agree to serve the said party of
the first part. faithfully and industri-
ously as house Servants, and labor
on his plantation in the County Aut-
auga. for and during the remainder of
the present year 1866; and to obey all
of his just and lawful Commands touch-
ing the Service and labor required of
them. And the party of the first part
in Consideration of the promises and
agreements. aforesaid; promises and agrees
to furnish the said parties of the Sec-
ond part with food. Clothing. fuel
medical attendance and houses
during the remainder of the pres-
ent year 1866. and addition
thereto. he further promises and
agrees to give or deliver to Dave,
Saul and Louisa. three of the said
parties of the Second part fifteen
bushels of Corn each. on or before
the first day of January 1867. and to treat
the said parties of the Second part in all
respects humanely, and furnish with
the quantity of land together with tools
and animals. for private Cultivation

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as is required by the regulations of the Superintendent of freedmen.
In testimony Whereof the Said parties of the first part and Second part have hereunto Set their hands, on the day and year above written

J. E. Devaness.
Jaye x his mark
Saul x his mark
Edmund x his mark
Ella x her mark
Louisa x her mark

Signed and Sealed in the Presence of

Witnesses: E. R. Northington.
F. H. Gibson.

State of Alabama, } This instrument
Autauga County. } Witnesseth: That I Jacob Devaness have agreed with the following freedmen. Namely: Elisha, Joseph, Banks Manda and Wanda, to work on the plantation of the Said Devaness until the 25th day of December next, upon the following terms: namely: that Said Devaness is to Clothe, feed, and furnish fuel and pay medical bills, and give them one tenth of the grain Crop, raised on his plantation except the oats and Wheat for year 1866: to be equally divided among the Above-named freedmen. And I have further agreed with William to give him his Clothes, food and medical attendance, for his services for 1865:

Jacob Devaness

Elisha x his mark Jo. x his mark Banks.
Manda x her mark Wanda x he mark
William x her mark

We hereby Certify that we have Seen the above-named freedmen Sign their names or make their marks. of their own free will and accord.

L. P. Henderson.
James Glascow,

The State of Alabama. } This agreement
Chambers County. } made and entered this day between George W. Dawson, of the one part and the United States authorities of the other part. Witnesseth: That the said George W. Dawson on his part agrees to employ until the first of January 1866. the following named freedmen or laborers, to wit: Malvina Sixty years of age. Rob. forty-five. Nelly, Sixty-five, Jack twelve, Sarah twenty, her Child one year old, Billy eighteen. Miles Six. In compensation the Said George W. Dawson agrees to furnish the above-named laborers with good and Comfortable Clothing, food and medical attendance

And the above-named laborers agree on their part to do good and faithful labor for the Said George W. Dawson

This ~~20 day of May~~ 20, June, 1865;

Witnesses, } W. L. Darnell.
J. J. Wright.

Names of Laborers:

Malvina x her mark
Rob. x his mark
Nelly x her mark
Jack x his mark
Sarah x her mark
Billy x his mark

The State of Alabama }
Lowndes County } I John J. Daniels of the State and county aforesaid. agree to give the following named laborers. Col, Peter Bob, Jim, Sam. Ben Bob, Jourdan, Clark Newton, Alfred, George, Charles. Henry. Katie, Dan. Brewster, Nancy, Neal and Kelsey. Who are now on my place, the Sixth (6) part of all the Corn, fodder. Wheat, Potatoes and Syrrup. raised on my place the present year. also the usual amount of Clothing, food, horses, fuel and Medical attendance. They agree to work faithfully every day, Saturday afternoon and Sundays excepted. until the 25th of December next. all of which is Signed to in the presence of the following

John. J. Daniels

Witness. } B. H. Robertson.

State of Alabama. }
Autauga County. } This indenture made and entered into this day between George M. Deramus of the first part, and Jomie a colored man of the second part Witnesseth that the party of the second part has agreed, and does hereby agree, to labor for the party of the first part the remainder of the present year: and in Consideration of such service, I the the party of the first part agree to furnish the said party of the second part. with board, Clothing and medical attendance. In testimony whereof we hereto Set our hand this 5th day of June 1865.

George M. Deramus
Jomie his mark

Witness } John x his mark Wainright

The State of Alabama. }
Covington County. } Articles of agreement entered into between Daniel Dozier of the first part and the following named former Slaves of the Second part. Witnesseth: Namely, Thomas. and Adaline and two Children. I Daniel Dozier of the first part. do agree to feed, clothe, and furnish medical attendance to Said laborers for their Services until the 25th day of December next.

And we of the Second part do agree to render faithful labor, and obey all orders given by the first part, or his wife this the 15th day of June 1865.

Daniel Dozier
Thomas x his mark
Adaline x her mark

Witnesses. } E. Dozier
L. L. Lowman.
H. B. Handley
A. H. Wilson.

State of Alabama. } Contract entered into
Montgomery County } this day June 12th 1865. between Jill. Dan. Hannah. Jane. and Nancy freedmen the said Jill. Dan. agrees to feed as he has heretofore. Clothes. pad. and furnish medical attendance. also three pr Shoes for the above-named woman and their Children. The above named Hannah Jane. and Nancy bind themselves to remain on the plantation

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and work as heretofore, and be subject to the orders of the said Dean. until the 25th of December 1865:

James M. Dean
Jane x her mark
Nancy x her mark
Hannah x her mark

Witnesses } W. A. Meddleton.
A. J. Moore.

The State of Alabama } This instrument
Autauga County. } of writing Witnesseth.
That C. R. DeJarnette do promise and agree to employ the following named freedmen to work on my farm until the 25th day of December A. D. 1865: Namely: Jinny Hooper. Nelson. Lucy and Lucinda. for the following wages to be paid to them when the Crops is gathered. Namely: fifty (50) bushels of Corn and twenty gallons of Syrup. to be equally divided between Jenny. Hooper. Nelson and Lucy. I further promise and agree to give them their rations two Suits of Clothes one pair of Shoes. Medical attendance. fuel and house rent Said laborers agreeing to take good care of all farming utensils and Stock of every description on Said farm. and to labor dilligently on my farm until the 25th day of December, 1865.

C. R. DeJarnette.

Jenny x her mark Hooper x his mark
Nelson x his mark Lucy x her mark
Lucinda x her mark.

We the Undersigned witnesses hereby certify

that the parties to the foregoing Contract, after being duly informed of the Contents thereof. executed the Same voluntarily in our presence on the day the Same bears date.

L. P. Henderson.
James T. D. Jarnette.

The State of Alabama } Agreement made
Lowndes County } between E. W. Davis and Noble, a laborer on the plantation of Said Davis.

Noble agrees to work faithfully for Said Davis during the Ensuing year 1865. at any work which may be necessary on Said place, and is to work ten hours per day in Summer, and nine in Winter. And is to receive for his Services one fourth of the fodder also to have one fourth of the Corn made by him. He is also to have one acre or more land to plant in anything he Chooses and for time lost by Sickness is to make a reasonable deduction

E. W. Davis agrees to furnish house, fuel. Rations. Clothing, two Shirts. two pairs of pants and Coat. all Cotton, and one pr Shoes. and Medical Attendance Noble is to take good care of the Stock of Said Davis and is to not to expose himself unnecessarily on Ensuing about at Night June 11th 1865.

Eli W. Davis

We Certify that the foregoing Contract was ~~made~~ Read in the presence of the Said Noble, and that he assented thereto.
Haynesville June 11th 1865.
Alex. McRae
C. J. Benson.

The State of Alabama }
Ansawagville, June 10th/65
This Instrument of writing Witnesseth: That I John Davis have this Contracted With Harrison a free Man of Color formerly his property to Remain With him and Work for him on the first day of January next for the Sum of fifteen dollars per month. The Said John Davis to furnish in addition to the Said fifteen dollars, Food, Clothing and Medical attendance to the Said Harrison, for Said Specified time.
The Said John Davis has also this day Contracted With Dudley a freedman, upon the Same terms, As With the Said above-named Harrison. He the Said John Davis hyo this day also Contracted Lenga, a free woman formerly his property. He the Said Davis to give and furnish her With food, Clothing, fuel and Medical attendance.
She the Said Woman Linda, to Remain and work him the

Said Davis until the first day January next.

John Davis
Dudley x his mark
Harrison x his mark
Linda x her mark

June 9th 1865.
This is to Certify that I have examined Questioned the above named Harrison, Dudley and Linda, and that they have ratified Said Contract

Witness. J. W. R. R Bryatt

The State of Alabama } Know all men
Autauga County } by these presence. that Margaret Johnson of Sd County and State aforesaid, do bargain and agree with Wade a Colored man, that formerly lived with me. to give him (6) Six dollars per month Feed him, pay his Doctors Bill, furnish him Clothes and medicall attendance. I also furnish him a patch and an animal to Cultivate the Same. he is have Saturday of each week.
I Wade Colored man do agree to live with ~~him~~ Margaret Johnson and perform faithful Service until Christmas next for six (6) dollars per month my victuals Doctors bill and Clothes. and a piece of land to cultivate and Saturday of each week
June 6th 1865.

Margaret Johnson.
Wade x his mark

Witnesses, Mrs L. Johnson.
M. G. Johnson.

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State of Alabama } Contract between
Chambers County. } Wm. Davis of said
County and his former slaves for the present
year to wit: Garrison a man twenty four
years. and Lyda a woman 18 years old.
with two Children Jim two years old and in-
fant one month old.
Said Davis agrees to furnish said negroes
with food. house. Clothing. fuel. Shoes
and medical attendance.
The said negroes on their part agree to
remain with the said Davis and
faithfully work, observing all the regula-
tions as formerly. In testimony of
which all the parties have hereunto set their
hands and Seals. This 1st July 24th 1865.

W. Davis

Witnesses. } Jos. G. Worrell,
Luther McRea.

Memorandum of a Contract by and
between James R. Dillard of the one
part as proprietor, and the freedmen here
under mentioned of the other part as
laborers, entered into this 8th June 1865.
1st James R. Dillard agrees to hire for
the remainder of the year, and to feed,
Clothe and furnish medical attendance,
to the said laborers and their families
and to pay them one fourth of the
Crops raised on the place, after de-
ducting what it takes to support the
plantation from now until January
1866. 2nd. The Freedmen upon their part
especially agree to work diligently and
faithfully, and to Conduct themselves prop-
erly for the time which they are hired,
and that they will in good faith use

their best exertions to keep all idle or va-
grant negroes off the place; that all loss of
time occasioned by Sickness, or any
Cause of their own faults. Shall be Charged
to them at the rate of 50 cts. per. diem for
first Class hands and 30 cts per diem
Second Class hands. And that in case of
Wilful idleness or wilfull disobedience
of proper orders, or destruction of Stock
upon the plantation. by any of the
freedmen, the offender Shall forfeit
his Share of the Crop and all right to
remain on the place.
In testimony of our approval here
of the said James R. Dillard has hereunto
set his hand. and the freedmen here
under mentioned have hereunto Sig-
nified their assent in the presence of
C. McEachin who has Subscribed his name
as a witness

James R. Dillard

Witness } C McEachin.

Names of laborers:
Charles x Ben x Titus x George x Farmer
Tom x Sam x Armstead x Jim x Hill x
Addison x Major x Whitney x Jessee x
Lancaster x Green x Charles x Frank
Rose x Ann x Betty x and Margaret x

The State of Alabama. } July 19th 1865.
Chambers County } Witnesseth: That
I Wiley Dorman have this day entered
into a Contract and agreement with
the following named freedmen and
labores: Dave, Ann, Harriet, Isaac,
George, Jacob, Cressy, Silas Jane and
her two Children.
I agree to furnish them food. Clothing,
fuel. house room and Medical attendance

for their labor the present year.
We the undersigned Laborers Contract and agree to labor for the above-named Wiley Dorman. Until the 25th day of December next, for our food, Clothing house room fuell and Medical attendance. We agree to perform work as he may direct. and attend Strictly to our labor. Wiley Dorman.
Witnessed { A. L. Atkins.
Isaac. C. Smith.

Names of Laborers.
Mar. Ann. Harriet. Isaac, Jack, George. Jane, Creasy, Jacob. Silas Dorn. Lucy.

The State of Alabama } In obedience to
Dallapoosa County } an order issued by Thos. W. Conway. Chief of Freedmens Bured.
I. C. B Day of the State and County afore said. party of the first part agreed. Lorenso a negro boy about twenty-three years of age. and Lewis a boy about twenty-one years of age. party of Second. Witnesseth: That the said party of the first part agrees to furnish to the said parties of the Second. good and Substantial food, Clothing house rent, fuel and medical attendance. and Medicine for the ballance of the year 1865 or till the first day of January 1866. and the parties of the Second part agree for and in Consideration of said food, Clothing, house rent, fuel and medical attendance and Medicine. in case of Sickness, to work for and to perform ten hours of good and faithful labor each day of the week except Saturday, on which day they are to work Six

hours and Sunday not to work at all.
for the ballence of the year 1865. or till
the first day of January 1866. at any work
or employment. Said party of the first
& the first part may direct or require
of them: Given under our hands and
Seals. the year and day above Written

Witness. E. L. Dennis.

C. B. Day
Queen so x his mark
Lewis x his mark

The State of Alabama } Contract or agree-
Coosa County. } ments entered into
between Isaac Davison of the first part.
and Peter a negro man. Abram a negro boy.
Patsey and Hannah negro women and
four Children of the second part. all of
which negros formerly belonged to the
party of the first part Witnesseth: That
Whereas under a late Military order of the
United States government declaring
all Slaves free. and requiring them to
enter into Contracts With Employers.
under Which order the party of the first
part agrees to give to the above-named
boys Peter and Abram. jointly the
one sixth part of all the Corn and Sweet
potatoes. produced by themselves for the
present year 1865. And to all the above
named freedmen he furnishes
them with food. Clothing. Medical
attendance. houses and fuel for the
ballance of year 1865. and for Which Com
pensation. the Said parties of the Second
part agree to. and bind themselves to render
to the said party of the first part good and faith-
ful Service. for the ballance of the year 1865.
in any way he may require of them. and in
default of any or either of them rendering

such Services as required, reasonably and faithfully. they forfeit to the said party of the first part their entire labor and Share of Crops. and be otherwise punished: This agreement acknowledged and approved by us all
Witness our hands and Seals this 13th day of June 1865. in presence of

Witnesses { J. J. Stephens, Solomon Lee, John C. Lee, J. M. Logan }

Isaac Dawson
Peter. x his mark
Abram x his mark
Patsey x her mark
Hannah x her mark.

The State of Alabama, } This indenture
Autauga County. } made and entered into on this the 15th day of June 1865. by and between Mattie E. Dureden of the first part of the County and State aforesaid. Phebe (60) years of age. Mary with two (2) Children. under 15 years of age. Eliza. (Unhealthy) and Martin. freedmen of Color formerly Slaves of the said Mattie E. Dureden. of the County and State aforesaid. of the Second part. Witnesseth: That the said parties of the first and Second parts. have Stipulated and agreed as follows, to wit: The said parties of the second part promises and agrees to Serve the said party of the first part. faithfully and diligently as house Servants and laborers on her plantation, in the County of Autauga, and to obey all her just and lawful orders and Commands touching their duties as Servants and laborers as aforesaid. for and during the remainder of the present year; and the said party of the first part, in Consideration of the promises and agreements above Set forth, promises

and agrees to furnish the said parties of the Second part. With food. Clothing fuel and medical attendance when sick and houses to live in during the remainder of the year in addition to this the promises to give Martin one tenth of the growing Crops that is made her plantation the remainder of the present year, and to treat them humanely.

In testimony whereof the said parties of the first and Second parts have hereunto Set their hands and affixed their Seals. the day and year above written.

Mattie E. Durden.
Martin x his mark
Phebe x her mark
Mary x her mark
Eliza x her mark

State of Alabama } This is to Certify that I have questions
Coosa County } and examined the above-named freedmen and they express themselves Satisfied with the above Contract

Witnesses. W. L. Summer
W. W. Summerlin

The State of Alabama } Agreement for
Coosa County } labor between
Rebecca Dennis and freed Dave.
the Said Dave promises to work for the Said Rebecca Dennis until the twenty-fifth day of December next. and the Said Rebecca Dennis promises to give the Said Dave his victuals and two Suits of Clothes and one pair of Shoes. and house. and fuel and Medical attendance. June 9th 1865.

Witnesses } E. A. Smith. Rebecca Dennis.
E. R. Smith. Dave x his mark

The State of Alabama } Agreement
Coosa County. } for labor between
Rebecca Dennis and freed
Adaline. The said Adaline
promises to work for the said
Rebecca Dennis until the twenty-
fifth day of December next.
And the said Rebecca Dennis promises
to give the said Adaline and her three
Children their victuals and two
Suits of Clothes and find houses and
fuel and medical attendance.

June 9th 1865.

Rebecca Dennis.
Adaline x her mark

Witnesses } J. A Smitta,
E. R. Smith.

The State of Alabama } June the 5th 1865.
Cypress Creek Landing } I have this day
made a Contract with a parcel of ne-
groes, that did formerly belong to me,
for the year 1865. The agreement between
myself, and said negroes is as follows, Viz:-
Cary about 52 years old. Caleb about 35
years old. I have agreed to feed, clothe,
and pay Doctors Bill, and give said
boys the use of my teams and the privi-
lige of getting Steamboat wood on
my land, and also agree to give
them half of every Saturday, and at
the end of the year give them one
hundred and fifty lbs. of pork and
twelve bushels of Corn.

Cary x his mark
Caleb x his mark

Tom about 52 years old, I agree to give
him the same, with the exception of my
team, and access to my timber.
Tom x his mark

Jefferson aged about 13-14. I agree to feed,
Clothe and pay doctor bills, and give
him three dollars per month for the
year 1865: also let him have half of every
Saturday.
Jefferson x his mark

Winney and Peter, aged 41 and 7. I agree
to give said woman five dollars per
month, and also Jude, Clothes, and
doctor bills, and half of every Satur-
day
Winney x his mark,

Fanney aged 60 years old, I have agreed to
feed, Clothe and pay doctors bill for the
year 1865
Fanney x her mark

A family of Negroes,
Louisa, aged 17, Jack 10, Jude, 8, Taylor 5,
Phillip 3, I agree to feed, Clothe, and pay
doctor bills for said negroes for the
year 1865.
Louisa x her mark
H. H. De Bardeleben.

Witnesses } Arthur L. De Bardeleben
James Ruff.

Autaugaville Ala. } This instrument
June 9th 1865 } of writing witnesses:
that I W. P. De Jarnette have this day
contracted with Sarah a free woman
of Color, who has four Children, the oldest
thirteen years old, (pregnant now) to work
for him the said W. P. De Jarnette, until
the first day of June next for her and
her Children's food, Clothing, fuel Med-
ical attendance, and one tenth of
the Sorgum molasses made said De-
Jarnette's farm.
W. P. De Jarnette.
Sarah x her mark

This is to Certify that we have examined
and questioned the above-named

free persons and that She had ratified
Said Contract. June 9th 1865.
L. P. Henderson.
Louther S. Rice,

State of Alabama } Inasmuch as the
Chumbler County } perbished Regulations
of J. W. Conway Superintendent of
Freedmens Bureau for the State of
Alabama. allow and encourage
agreements between freedmen and
their former owners, now to meet
these Requisitions. and to secure our
Comfort. benefit and Safty the
following agreement is made and
entered into by Milley D. Daily of the
State and County aforesaid of the first
part. and of the Second part. Julia,
for herself. being twenty six years
old and for hel Children. Allen,
Mary and Piney. being ~~Separately~~
Separately. Seven, five and three years
old. Caroline Seven-five years old, for
herself. and for her two Children. Charlotte,
and Caty being Separately five and
and three years of age; and Marshall
for himself being fifteen years of
age. (They of the Second part one & in
bondage but now freedmen.
Witnesseth: That we of the Second
part agree and promise to labor
faithfully for her of the first part,
obeying her Commands and those of
hel agents. to be respectful to her and
family. avoiding all insolence,
And She M. D. Daily of the first part
agrees and promises to feed. Clothe
furnish fuel. house room and medical

attendance to us of the Second part just
now named; it is agreed by the parties to
this agreement that it Commences to Op-
erate the first of June ~~next~~ last
and Shall be in operation until the
first of January next.
Witness our hands Daily 2nd 1865.

Witnesses
W. H. Jennys.
Lewis McLillen

Milly D. Daily.
Julia x her mark
Caroline x her mark
Marshall x his mark

The State of Alabama. } Articles of agree-
Coffee County. } ment between
Elisha E. Daniel of the first part
and the following named freedmen
of the Second part. Mary aged 20 years
Mason aged 12 years and Judy aged 7 yrs.
In this Elisha E. Daniel of the first
part do agree to hire the above-named
freedmen of the Second part. I bind my-
self to furnish them food, Clothing
Quarters and Medical attendance
for their work. They are are to do any and
all kinds of work that I may direct,
and look after my interest as heretofore.
They are to be obedient to me and my
family in every respect until the
first of January 1866.

E. E. Daniel.

We Mary, Mason and Judy of the
Second part agree to work for the
said Elisha E. Daniel of the first
part until the first day January 1866.
for the amount above stated, and obligate
ourselves to be governed by the foregoing
agreement. This June 10th 1865. Mary x her mark
Witness } J. E. Daniel,) Mason x his mark

The State of Alabama. }
Tallapoosa County }

This agreement made and entered into this day in Compliance with and in obedience to labor regulations, published by Thomas H. Conway Superintendent of Freedmen, and approved by Gen. A. L. Smith Commanding U. S. forces at Montgomery, Alabama. May 25th 1865, between Robert C. Dop. of said County and State. of the first part. and Peter, a man, Malina and her Child of the Second part witnesseth: That the said Dop of the first part agrees to feed, Clothe, furnish house room. fuel and medical attendance to the said parties of the Second part, to permit them to cultivate their own patches. as they have heretofore been accustomed to do. during the year 1865. And the said parties of the second part, for said consideration. agree to labor for the said Dop as he may direct or order during the year 1865. and to obey promptly all orders given them by the said Dop or his agents. and to labor diligently at any labor that may be assigned them. by said Dop. or agents during the year 1865.

In testimony Whereof we have hereunto Set our hands. this the ____ day of July 1865.

Robert C. Dop.
Bob x his mark
Malina x her mark.

Witness. J. R. E. Dop.

Montgomery Alabama
June the 2nd 1865

We the undersigned Colored freedmen of Montgomery County Alabama, have this day agreed to work the remainder of this year. with Mrs. Sarah Dickerson upon the Condition that the said Sarah Dickerson is to feed, Clothe, and pay our doctor bills, furnish house room, and permit us to cultivate individually one half acre of ground. In witness whereof we have hereunto placed our hands to the above Contract

Witness } A. Dickerson.

Sarah Dickerson
Henry Wilson x
Abram Gibson x
Warren x his mark
William Thomson x

The State of Alabama, } Articles of agreement
Pike County. } between Absalom
Dawkins and following named negroes Viz:
Adam a man fifty years old and his wife. Sally about forty-five years old and two Children aged as follows:
Mariah about 14 years old. Bill a boy about 8 years old. Sam a man, 27 years old and his wife Cinda a woman twenty-five years of age and four Children. to wit:— George a boy about 8 years old. Alice about six years old Richmond four years old. and Tom one month old. and Bill a man 22 years old. and his wife Mariah about 30 yrs Old. and four Children. to wit:
Lee. about 6 yrs old. Kenny about 4 years old. Crockett about 2 yrs old. Harriet 8 months old Sapho a woman about

20 years old and three Children to wit:- Griffin (7) years old Margaret 3 years old Jane 7 months old. Caudis a woman 60 yrs old and her daughter Sally (14) yrs. old; Hannah a woman about 60, yrs old. Spyrie about 35 yrs old. Louis, a man about (29) years old. Sam. a man about 20, yrs old. and Spencer a man about 35, yrs old: Whereas: the above-named A. J. Dawkins. agrees to and binds himself to give the following named negroes. for their labor the present year. forty acres of land, more or less. and to feed and Clothe them. and furnish them houses and pay their medical attendance. and Shoe them: and in Consideration of the above we the Negroes bind ourselves to be good and faithful Servants unto Mr. A. J Dawkins and his family the present year. and we do not to take any thing off said plantation. nor Suffer it to be done by others. if in our power to prevent it. without the permission of the above named A. J. Dawkin. In witness whereof we have inscribed our names in the presence of this the 12th of June 1865.

Witnesses.
D. Tanner
Mc. E. Moore

Absolom Dawkins
Acfum x his mark
Sally x her mark
Tom x his mark
Cinda her x mark
Bill x his mark. Mariah x her mark
Sofia x her mark. Caudjo x her mark
Hannah x her mark. Spyrie x his mark
Louis x his mark. Sam x his mark
Spencer x his mark.

State of Alabama, } The following
Lowndes County. } Contract was
this day made and entered into
between I. Wm A. Daniel of the 1st
part and the negroes Remaining on
the plantation of the Second part
viz: I am to furnish Said negroes
with good and wholesome diet.
good Clothing. houses. fuel. pay
all medical bills, &c. that they are prop-
erly cared for. and give them one fifth
of the crop raised on the place.

W. A. Daniel.

Witness, } Geo. W. Harrison.
}

We the negroes of the Second part are Satisfied
with the above and agree on our part
to remain on the Said plantation the
ballance of the year 1865 to obey any and
all orders given by W. A Daniel or his
agent to work industriously and
dilligently and be obedient and polite.

Names of Laborers:

Albert x his mark Jim x his mark Henry
x her mark. Katy x her mark Sally x her
mark Julia x her mark

This June 19th 1865.

The following is a Contract entered into be-
tween E. K. Donaldson and the negroes whose
names are embraced herein. That is I E. K.
Donaldson agree to take Elisha, a man Eli-
za and Peep. two woman and Pop and John
Children and give them bread. Clothing. Med-
ical attendance, the produce of ten acres of
land cultivated in Corn. all of which is in
Consideration for their labor. for the ballance
of the year. Contract Commencing from

date. June the 8th 1865.

E. R. Donaldson.

The foregoing Contract was agreed and
Signed before us.

Franklin Armstrong.
R. F. Bayler.

The State of Alabama } I agree to
Lowndes County June 8/65 } attend to
Cypress Creek Ferry for the remainder
of the year 1865 for R. C. Ruff for the
Sum of ten dollars per month, and
the profits of the Ferry on Sundays.
I am to attend faithfully to my
duty.

x Jack Debardeleben.

Witnesses. B. B. Bledsoe
W. L. B. Bledsoe

The State of Alabama } This Indenture
Lowndes County. } made and entered
into on the 5th day of June 1865 between
Sarah A. Dennis of the County and
State aforesaid of the 1st part, and
David a man of Color of the Second
part witnesseth: That the said David
hereby obligates and binds himself
to serve and obey the said Sarah A.
Dennis on her farm for the remainder
of the present year, according to the
regulations issued from the Bureau
of Freedmen Montgomery Ala. May
9th 1865 by order of Maj. Gen. Smith
bearing date May 25th 1865 and for such
service properly and faithfully
rendered as above, the said Sarah A.
Dennis obligates and bindsherself to fur-

with to the said David. food. Clothing and
necessary medical attendance and give him
one Share. the Corn grown on one acre of land
and his usual patches of Rice potatoes
Mollet &c.
Witness our hands this day and date above.

S. A. Dennis
David x his mark

Witnesses: Jon Gamble
G. McLon.

The following Contract was this day made and
entered into between James M. Douglass on
one part, and John a boy on the other part.
That is I James M. Douglass. hire the boy
John and agree to give him board Clothing
ing and medical attention, all of which
is done for and in consideration of his
labor and attention for the ballance of the
year. July the 10th 1865.

James M Douglass.

The foregoing Contract was made. Signed
and agreed to before us.

Franklin Armstrong
Everit Davis.

The State of Alabama } This agreement
Tallapoosa County. } made and entered
into this day in compliance with and
in obedience to labor regulations published
by Thomas W. Conway General Superin-
tendent of Freedmen and approved by Maj.
Gen. Smith Commanding U. S. forces. at
Montgomery. May 25th 1865, between Hiram.
H. Dop of Said County and State of the first
part and Have a man. Eda his wife a sick-
ly woman. Bun a man. Charles a boy.

Mariah and her two Children. Louve a girl. Laura a girl. Harriet a Child. of the second part witnesseth: That the Said Dop. of the first part. agrees to feed. Clothe furnish house room. fuel and medical attention. to the Said parties of the Second part. also to permit them to Cultivate their own patches as they have been heretofore accustomed to do. during the year 1865. and the Said parties of the Second for Said Consideration agree to labor for the Said Dop. as he may direct. or order during the year 1865. and obey promptly all orders given them by the Said Dop. or his agents. and to labor dilligently at any labor that may be assigned them by the Said Dop. or his agents. during the year 1865.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto Set our hands this the —— day of July 1865.

H. H Dop.

Witness { Robert C. Dop.
Harve x his mark Eda x her mark.
Charles x his mark Maria x her mark
Lucey x her mark, Jenner x her mark
Harriet x her mark.

The State of Alabama. } Contracts &
Coosa County. } agreement
made and entered into between Robert Davison, of the first part and Stephen a negro man, and Sarah Ann. a negro woman and her two Children of the Second part. The Said Stephen formerly belonged to Alexander Smith, of Said County; and the woman and her two Children. to the party

of the first part Witnesseth:- That whereas under & late military order of the government of the United States, declaring all Slaves, free and requiring the said negroes to enter into Contracts with Employers. The said parties of the first and Second parts have entered into the following agreement, Namely:— The party of the first part, agrees to give said Stephen and Sarah Ann. a Crop to themselves of two acres of good land more or less. which they have planted in Corn. and to furnish them all with necessary food. Clothing. house. fuel and medical attendance. also to furnish them with time, Stock and Tools to Cultivate their land, for the ballance of the year 1865. for which the said parties of the Second part bind themselves in Consideration of the foregoing facts, to render to said party of the first part. good and faithful Service in any way that he may reasonably require of them for the ballance of the year 1865. and in default of rendering said Service faithfully. the parties of the Second part forfeit to the party of first part. all that they may make. This Contract acknowledged and approved by us all Witness our hands this 13th day of June 1865.

Robert Adams on. x his mark
Stephen x his mark
Sarah Ann x her mark

Witnesses, Wilmon Lee
G. L. Stephens
C. W. Logan
John E Lee.

The State of Alabama } I J H. Robertson
Lowndes Co. } and 6th 1865 } of the State and
County aforesaid. agree to give the following
named Colored people: J Thm. Prince.
Henry. Joe. Nat. Ned. Nelson, James
Mary. Ellen. Susan Amanda, and
Henrietta who are now on my plac-
the Sixth (6th) part of all the Corn. pota-
toes rice and Syrup raised on my
place the present year, also the usual
amount of Clothing. Rations. Houses.
fuel and medical attendance.
They agree to work faithfully every-
day. Saturday afternoons and Sundays
excepted. until the 25th of Dec. next.
all of which is agreed to in the presence
of the following Witnesses

J. H. Robertson

Witnesses. Robert J. H. McCall
J Thm A. Lyon.

June 14th 1865

An agreement entered into
between Holley M. Ray and a
Colored man Nelson, one woman
Sillar. 65 yrs old. one girl Meley 3/4 yrs
old. one boy Annison 8 yrs old
one girl Henrietta 5 yrs old one boy
Lurious 3 yrs old. I Holley M.
Ray agree to Support Said man Nelson
46. yrs old one woman. Sillar 65. one
girl Meeley 3/4 yrs old and Children.
I Holley M. Ray. agree to let them have
all they do make. only a Support for
Said Holley M. Ray.

Holley M. Ray.

Witnesses. H. M. Salter
Sarah A. Ray
W. Ray.

The State of Alabama } Articles of agree-
Pike County. } ment entered in-
to between Asia Ridgeway on the one
part and Charles and Henry freed
men on the other part. Witnesseth: that
~~Hear~~ the said Asia Ridgeway has hired
the said Charles and Henry for the
present year and agrees to give them in
addition to their food, Clothes Medical
attention &c. the Corn Crop from three
acres of land, and the 7th part of what
millet and Syrup she makes, also the one
half of every Saturday given them as their
own time. And the said Charles and
Henry ~~for the present year and agree~~
agree on their part to do faithful labor
and all they can for the interest of their
employer. The said Asia Ridgeway
also Contracts and agrees with Jane
and Georgia. two freed orphan Chil-
dren, aged (4 and 10 yrs.) to furnish
them food, Clothing. Medical attention
and no other Compensation for their
Services.

Asia Ridgeway.

Witnesses } L. W. Armstrong
} U. C. Ridgeway.

I have to-day hired Mary a freed woman
aged 85 years. with three Children. Namely:
Eliza, 8 yrs. Shelton 6 yrs old, and Jake
4 yrs. for the ballance of the year 1865.
I am to feed, Clothe, furnish house
room, fuel and medical attend-
ance, for three laborers, for the time
Specified, and on their part they are
to serve me me. the mother, or Cook
and the Children in other capacities for
the ballance of the year 1865:

June 7, 1865.
Witnesses } Permelia Reese.
A. B. Stone
Isiim x his mark.

Montgomery Ala.
Aug 9th 1865.

This is to Certify that I have this day employed from Dinah Roger. her little daughter Emma until the 1st day of January 1866. I promise to feed, Clothe, and take good Care of her during the time, and if She be Sick, have Suitable Medical attendance given her. She is about twelve years old, and as I want her as a nurse and play mate for my baby. only. Cannot give her any more than the above, for her services: She now being almost entirely destitute of Clothing, bedding &c &c &c I furthermore promise to Supply her immediately with Suitable and Comfortable Clothing, bedding, house room &c &c &c

W. S. Reese

Witness } W. A. Camp

The above contract I have entered into with Mr. W. S. Reese for my daughter Emma.

Dinah Roger x her mark

Sandy Ridge. Lowndes Co. Alabama.
June 6th 5th 1865.

This is to show that I William R. Russell hereby contract and agree with my Servant or laborer Sealy age 25 yrs old, with three Small Children. all of whom I am to supply with food and Clothing and medical attendance. as formerly. for her services as

laborers up to the 25th of Dec 1865. at which time this Contract is null and void.

William R. Bussell
Witnesses M. G. Hammonds. Becky x her mark
L. R. Hammonds.

The State of Alabama } Memorandum of an
Pike County. } agreement entered into between Cynthia M. Ramsey on the first part and. Jerry. Monroe and Becky of the Second part. The parties of the Second part having no desire to leave their present homes. but being anxious of continuing in the Employ of the part of the first part. have entered into a Contract with the party of the first part. as follows:

The parties of the Second part agree to Stay with the party of first part in the Capacity of laborers on the farm and to the best of their abillity to perform the various duties faithfully. and well to the end of the year.

The party of the first. agrees to furnish teams tools. and furnish food for teams. to pay Clothe. furnish houses. Medical attendance in Sickness. and fuel at all times to laborers.

The party of the first part agrees to furnish necessary provisions and attention. for one old and infirm woman. and two Children. who are unable to earn a living. and the party of the first part further promises to give one tenth of all the Corn made on the place to the Contracting parties or laborers. Cynthia M. Ramsey
Done 6th 1865. Jerry x his mark
Monroe x his mark. Becky x her mark
(over next page)

The State of Alabama } This is to Certify
Pike County. } That we J. K. Brown
and R. E. Smedley are personally
acquainted with the Contracting par-
ties. and think the wages offered liberal
and just, and we furthermore State
that we heard the aforesaid instrument
of Contract read in the hearing of the
parties and they willingly affixed
their Sig natures or marks.

James K. Brown.
R. E Smedley.

The State of Alabama. }
Pulaski County. }
Know all men by these presents
that in Compliance with orders
issued by the military authorities
of the United States for the depart-
ment of Alabama and the Chief
of the Freedmens Bureau at
Montgomery Alabama. I John
Rowe, have entered into the follow-
ing Contract with the persons of
Color that are twelve years old and
upwards, formerly held as Slaves
by said Rowe.

The said Rowe agreeing on his part
to keep in his employment on the
25th day of ~~January~~ December next.
the following named freedmen:
Doctr. aged (52) Capit aged (48) Adam
aged (32) Jim aged (32) Joe. aged 22 Phill
aged 17. Rob. (17) Ephraim (15) Allen (21) Mary
(75) Hanne (48.) Sarah (38) Amy (35)
Ann (47.) Holly (20) Aby (18) Linza 17 and
fourteen Children under twelve years
of age; and to provide houses. food

Clothing and give them their neces-
sary medical attention in Sickness.
For which Consideration the above-
named persons of Color agree and ob-
ligate themselves to the said Rowe
to labor as he may direct. also to Con-
duct themselves in an orderly man-
ner.

In witness of the foregoing. we have
hereunto Set our hands this the 15th day
of July 1865.

John Rowe.

Dock x his mark. Cupit x his mark.
Adam x his mark Scin x his mark Joe x
his mark Phillip x his mark. Rob x his
mark. Ephraiham x his mark Allen x
his mark. Mary x Her mark Nan x
her mark Sarah x her mark Amy x her
mark Ann x her mark Sarey x her
mark Ely x her mark Lizzie x her mark.
Witnesses. } W. W. Buckley
} Dock (Col.)

The State of Alabama, } Articles of agree-
Lowndes County, } ment between
E. L. Roper, of the State and County afore-
said, and the following laborers to wit:
Abram. Hillary. 2nd Class. Jacob
3d Class. Rachael. Hester Mary 2nd
Class. The said E. L. Roper agrees to
give one fourth of all the corn, one
half of all the fodder and one half of all
the potatoes. made on all the lands now
under cultivation. to be divided among
themselves when gathered to the way
they are Classified.
The said E. L. Roper agrees to furnish

the said laborers with necessary food, and fuel. and agrees to furnish them with Cotton and Cards. and Wheels, and they are to furnish their own Clothes.

The Said E. L. Roper also agrees to pay all Doctor bills. The said laborers agree to do all labor required on farms until the first of January next

In witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal the above. this June 8th 1865.

E. L. Roper.

We hereby certify that we heard the above Contract made. and heard each one of the laborers agree to it. and express themselves as fully satisfied with the Contract

E. L. Perdue.
Wm N. Perdue.

The State of Alabama }
Montgomery County }

This memorandum of an agreement made and entered into between the undersigned. and the following named Servants. Witnesseth: That Hannah a woman with a Son ten months old. Said Hannah is about 21 yrs old. and has been a member of the family six years. She refuses to leave when offered the privilige. and wishes to remain where she is. I agree to Clothe Support and take Care of her and Son, until Christmas. in addition She cultivates Corn and rice of her own and I give her a year old hog to Start a Stock

from.

Boy Henry in his tenth year, (orphan) neither father or mother living. wishes to Stay also. for his Victuals. and Clothes.

These are all the negroes I have on my farm. the 1st day of June inst.

Abram a man who Says he is 24 yrs old. Came to me and offered his Service till Christmas for his Victuals and Clothes. Clothing to consist of two new Suits. one to be of Wooden. 1 pair of Shoes. and quilt or blanket: all the above-named Servants promises good behavior. to do reasonable labor on the farm, and I on my part do bind myself to Comply as above Stated. In witness Whereof I Set my hand and assign my name. June 6th 1865.

Thoms M. Ramsey.

Witnesses } R. P. Lett
W. S. Ellis.

The State of Alabama }
Pike County June 9th 1865 }

Rose 17 years of age. Adaline 14 yrs. of age.

This is to certify that there has been an agreement entered into between myself and the above-named black girls. That they hire and work with me the remainder of the year, for which I am to Support. Clothe. Shoe. and pay all Doctors bills.

E. M. D. Rutherford

Witness. } Robert Martin. Rose — x
Adaline — x

State of Alabama } Know all men by
Autauga County } these presence. That
I William S. Rice of the first part,
and the following negroes: Ralph. Dick.
John. Solomon. Edward. Susan
Venus. Laina. Melinda. Daphney.
Charles Sol. Abe. Margaret.
Frances. of the Second part. have
this day Entered into the following
Contract in pursuance of the order
issued on the 25th day of May 1865.
by the Superintendent of the Freedmens
Bureau. of Alabama. Viz: The Said
William S. Rice agrees to furnish
teams, farming utensils, provis-
ions Clothing. Horses Medical
attention and fuel for Said
Negroes. And the Said Negroes to do all
necessary work on the Said ~~the~~
William S. Rices farm. and to
Subject to his orders. until the first
day of January 1866. and for all
unnecessary loss of time. and
Sickness. to pay the Said William
S. Rice fifty Cts per day. and
the William S. Rice further agrees
for the Services of Said negroes for
the year 1865. after the Crops now in
Cultivation. are made and gath-
ered. on the Said William S. Rices
farm. to give the Said above named
negroes one tenth of all the Said
Crops. gathered on the Said farm
the present year.
In testimony whereof. we have
hereunto Set our hands this the 10th day
of June 1865. } Ralph x his mark
Witnesses } W.m L. Rogers. } Solomon x
} A. Robinson } Edmund x

John x Susan x Venus x Daphney x
Lewis x Margaret x Joseph x Abram x
Charles x Fannie x Dick x Melinda x

The State of Alabama }
Montgomery County }
Contract made and Concluded
on this first day of June A. D. 1865
by and between Mrs. A. Robbinson,
of the County and State aforesaid,
on the one part, and the following
named Negroes, to wit:
Jim, Jack, Babom, Peter, and
Rachael and Child on the other part.
The said parties of the Second part.
Covenant and agree with Mrs. M.
Robbinson that they will go on her
farm in this County and Cultivate
the same, and do any necessary
labor and said farm, for and at the
Request of the said M. A Robbinson.
And the said M. A Robbinson Cove-
nants and agrees with the said above-
named parties that She will Clothe, feed.
furnish house room. medical atten-
dance. and fuel to said above-
named parties. as a Consideration
for their Services. In witness whereof
the parties to these presents, have here-
unto Set their hands and Seals. this
day and year above written.

M. A. Robbinson

The above Contract was read and ex-
plained to the negroes. and Signed by
Mrs. Robbinson. and the parties. in my
presence. this 8th day of June 1865

George W. Whitman

Jim. Jack, Babom, Peter. Rachael

The State of Alabama } June 18th 1865.
Mellville. Butler County } In accordance
with instructions from Superintendent
of Freedmen. dated May 26th 1865.
Montgomery Alabama. I have
this day entered into the following
Contract, and upon the following
terms, to wit: Sam a man aged
25 J and Sally a woman age (22) for
the Services of Said laborers, I am to
furnish Rations. Clothing Comfortable
houses. fuel. and medical attendance.
term of Service to expire the first
of January 1866.

Rebecca Rogan

Witness } David Clements.

Lewis his x Molley Burney x mark

Agreement between Geb. L. and John
Randolph and the freedmen of African
descent on the plantation of the above-
named Geb. L. and John Randolph
the ballance of the year 1865. They finding
clothing fuel food and medical attend-
ance and house room.
Willis, Paul, Julia, Martha, Harriett,
Delilah, Alse, Dock, Tilda, Louis, Bob,
Elizabeth, Jerry, Mary, Wash, Nancy,
Henry, Jones, Henry, George, Frances,
Rosa, Amanda, Levi, Benty Sally,
Adam, Lydia Dennis, Creasey, Joe
Nell, William, Letty, Edmond, Lorena,
Berky, Diandh, Mack, Arby,
Browne, Mandy, Alex, Anderson Clarissa
Larry, Charles, Harriette, Allen, Rich, Polly,
Butler, Toby, Sophy, Sabra, Andrew,
Kelly, Frank, Cinda, Dorson, Minah,
Charles, Chaney, Moore, Caroline, Anna

Ben Lycha Leah, Alfred, Edmond, blacksmiths
to the two Smiths. besides the above I give
one third of the proceeds of Shop. after doing my
work Louis. Spencer, Shoemakers. besides
the above I give one half they can make.
The within agreement between Messrs. J. D.
and D. Randolph. on the one part and
the negroes on the plantation of above named
J. D. and D. Randolph. as named within
We being called on to testify as to the Sat-
isfaction of both parties. We read the law
to them. explained it, and inquired of
them if they were Satisfied. and the answer,
was they were, and wishe to remain on
the with their Master as they Called him,
now their Employer

R. W. Sharp.
Jos. Thigpen.

John Randolph for Jed J. and Seth
Randolph.

1st In consideration of the Services of the here
in after mentioned negroes. up to the first of
January 1866. I hereby engage to Maintain
them, and to divide among them. one
fourth of the present Crop. except the wheat
I having no ~~money~~ meat nor money
to buy it with. I proposed to let them
have Corn in the place thereof viz: So
much Corn, as will get two pounds
and a half of meat per week, in the event
I cannot make any other arrangement
for meat.

2nd On their part the Said negroes en-
gage to work faithfully. and to perform
all labor as plantation work for the
advantage of the plantation attend-
ing at all times to the Stock and to

do such other work as may be required of them, and keeping the place in order. by fencing ditching. and Lowing a Crop of wheat next fall under the penalty of forfeiting all interest in the present Crop. and further it is agreed to account for all last time at the rate whatever it may be. to be deducted out of their portion of the Crop. and further agree to work under the direction of any Superintendent that the owner of the plantation may employ. and further agree to conduct themselves obediently and with propriety, in all cases obeying the directions of the owner.

Jno R Robinson

Lowndesboro June 24th 1865.

In witness whereof.

E. H. Whitstone
E. Alexander.

Rodge, x Albert x Daniel, x Robbin
Calvin, x Charles Lynette x Josh x
Sol. x Robin, Lewis, x Charley. x Thom
as, x Jenney. x Betty Rodge, x Bender
Kaif, x Visey, x Sukey. x Annie, Harriet
Charlotte, x Mary, x Missey. x Jordan x
Big Sidney, x Little Sidney x Betty
Robin x Jenney, x Phillis, x Seman x
Esler, x Mary Willford, x Caroline,
Rachael, x Fanney Dick
Lylendia x Henry Mary Calvin
Lamp Peeny Ned. Ben Julia
Ann Lany Henry. Big Rachael.
Tiny. Emiline Becca. Lang Dan.
Gilbert Lany. Jos. Jack Chatterine
Big Jordan. Cupit. Dick George.
Sarah. Martha. Dick Aaron. Mary
Richmond. Mommy. Louisa Lazarus.

The State of Alabama } This is to cer-
Chambers County } tify that I
John P. Seroyer Employer. do Contract
and bargain with the following named
laborers from the first of June or the
time of their receiving their freedom
until the 25th of December 1865. To wit:
Austin a man. Tom a boy. Gabriel
a boy. Leathar a Cripplet woman,
Rachael a woman with five Children
ren. four of them of Size to do labor
and work on the plantation.
For said labor I obligate myself to
feed and Clothe. and furnish houses
and medical attention if needful.
also Seven acres of Corn now in cul-
tivation. This July the 31st 1865.

John P. Seroyen.

Witnesses } C. L. Campbell, Austin. x
} D. B. Hawkins. Tom x
Gabriel x
Lehu x
Rachael.

The State of Alabama. } This agreement
Lowndes County. } made and entered
into on this the 24th day of June A. D. 1865.
between C. Robinson Jr. party of the
first part and the following named
negro laborers parties of the Second part
Witnesseth: That they have entered into the
following Contract or agreement, by which
they the said parties of the first and Second
parts Separately and individually. the said
party of the first part. for himself heirs.
executors. administrators or assignees.
and the said parties of the Second part for
themselves and their Children under

their care and Control; who are under the age of fourteen years of age. hereby bind and obligate themselves Strictly and in good faith to observe. abide. by. and perform the Said Agreement. for and during the present year.

That is to Say. the Said parties of the Second part... Whose hands or marks are hereto. affixed by themselves have and by these presence. do agree and bind themselves. for and in Consideration of the premises hereinafter expressed, to remain upon the plantation belonging to C. Robinson Jr. and the Said parties of the Second part, in consideration of the promises as aforesaid do Covenant and agree that they will for the Ballance of the present year. diligently and faithfully. do. and discharge all the proper duties. work, and labor prescribed and ordered by the Said C. Robinson Jr. or under ~~ordered~~ his authority and direction. and according to the usage or custom. heretofore prevailing and obtaining upon well-regulated plantations in this Community. under the government management or Control of good home masters; that they will observe and practice towards the Said C. Robinson Jr.. due, and proper respect and obedience; they shall discountenance all improper Conduct. idleness. lasyness or drunkness. on the part of each other; and that they will honestly observe the authority, rights. and property of the Said C Robinson Jr; that they will not from motive of malice. gain. mischief or other improper motives, take. injure or destroy the property

goods. or effects of the Said C. Robinson Jr.
or the goods. property or effects upon Said
plantation without the order or permis-
sion of the Said C. Robinson Jr and they
further Covenant and agree to do and per-
form in a proper manner. all the duties and
labor properly belonging or attaching to good
faithful and honest Servants. and Such
as are properly due from Servants to their prop-
er and lawful employers, and that they will
refrain from the use of intoxicating drinks.
unless by the Consent and permission of
the Said C. Robinson Jr. nor will they engage
in any Contract or Traffic, or Sell or dispose
of any articles or Species of property Without
his permission in writing.

And the Said parties of the Second part, do fur-
ther Covenant and agree to work faithfully
like other laborers in any other part of the
world, ten hours during the day in Summer
and nine hours during the day in Winter. That
is to Say, from the first day of April, until the
first day of October, they will work ten hours
during the day. Commencing at Six o'clock
in the morning, and labor until twelve o'clock
noon; and at half past two o'clock P. M.,
and labor until half past Six o'clock P. M.
and from the first day of October. they will com
mence work at Seven o'clock in the morn-
ing. and labor until twelve o'clock noon,
and at two o'clock P. M., and labor until Six
o'clock P. M. Excepting the Sundays and
the afternoon of Saturdays which Shall be
at their own Sole disposal; except Some ne-
cessity Shall arise. When the Said parties
of the Second part may be required to work
to Save the Crops, in which case the required
labor Shall be rendered provided however
that the Stock upon the Plantation Shall

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be fed and attended to as usual.
And in consideration as aforesaid the said party of the first part having husbands off said plantation, to permit and allow said husbands to visit themselves Saturday afternoon and remain until the next Monday morning and every Wednesday night and remain until the next Thursday morning, provided however, that their said husbands first obtain the consent or permission of their respective owners, managers or employers thereto, and provided further that while said husbands on the plantation of the said party of the first part they shall in all respects be subject to and conform to all the duties and obligations and be subject to the same penalties herein before imposed upon the men employed by the said party of the first part. And the said of the first part further Covenants and agrees and binds himself to feed, Clothe furnish fuel and pay the Physicians bill of said parties of the Second part.
Provided always that no Physicians bill is incurred with his knowledge and consent and the party of the first part further binds himself to pay to the parties of the Second part with the exception of July, Rachael, Moina and Dorcas one fifth of the growing Corn Crop, and one half of the Crop of Sorgum, Molasses The party of the first part Covenants, agrees and binds himself to pay to July one fiftieth of the hogs killed the Coming winter and the party of the first part Covenants, agrees and binds himself, to feed, Clothe furnish fuel and pay the Physicians bill

of the Children of Moina and Dorcas.
And it is expressly Stipulated and agreed that if any or either of the said parties of the Second part, Shall fail or refuse to Comply with the terms of this agreement, or violate the provisions thereof, then the said party of the first part is hereby authorized and empowered to discharge such party from his Service or employment, and when the husband is discharged, his wife and Children under fourteen years of age, Shall also be discharged for any misconduct as a violation of this agreement, or for a refusal to comply with its provisions and terms, such parties Shall not be permitted to remain upon or on the said plantation without the Consent of the said party of the first part in writing. And the said parties of the Second part hereby bind and pledge themselves to discountenance any violation of this agreement, but promise and agree to give to the said party of the first part, all proper information, aid and assistance, in order to carry out and fulfill this agreement.
In testimony whereof we have hereunto Set our respective hands the day and year above written.

C Robinson jr.

Witnesses } J. L. L. Williams
W. B. Haralson.

July, Isham, Hend, Harry, Joe, Phill, Wesley, Edmund, Peter, Lee, Betsey, Cresey, Healy, Mary, Bidcy, Dorcas, Maria, Moina, Ellen Charity, Amanda, Rachael.

Witnesses } J. L. L. Williams.
W. B. Haralson

The State of Alabama } Ben'd Lowndes Co.,
Lowndes County } May 30th 1865.

We the undersigned living on the premises of the estate of L & L Reese, do voluntarily Contract and obligate ourselves to labor for L L. Riese and C. E. Reese, administrators for the above estate, in any way they may lawfully determine, to obey them in all lawful Commmands, and render faithfully to them all the duties of a Servant to a master until the first day of January, 1866.

For and in consideration of which, our labor, We said L. M. Reese and C. E. Reese do guarantee to us Wholesome food, Comfortable Clothing and quarters, fuel and medical attendance.

We the undersigned administrators of the Estate of Thos. S. Reese do obligate ourselves to fulfill our part of the above contract. Witness our hands.

L. M. Reese
C. E. Reese.

We certify that the above Contract was made in our presence, and without any Coersion or intimidation. That the negroes did it voluntarily, and in good faith.
Witness our hands,

George Reese
A. P. Reese

I agree to the following terms with the following named Freedmen. I am to furnish houses, food Clothing fuel and medical attendance and give them in addition to the patches they already have, the Corn that shall be gathered from ten acres of land to be equally divided among said laborers. when the same shall be gathered. They on their part are to render the necessary labor to gather the present Crop, and keep the plantation in repair.

Names of Freedmen.

George, his wife and three Children Martha and three Children Patsy and four Children Cricket and two Children Mary and three Children. Anderson and boy. Laura & boy. Caroline and an old woman and Lucy & girl Mary a house woman with three Children to be paid ten dollars at Christmas Vicy a house girl to be paid ten dollars Christmas.

Jno A Robertson

June 5th 1865.

Witnesses } W. W. Stone
George Robertson x his mark

State of Alabama. } Articles of Agreement
Covington County } made and entered into this the first day of June A. D. 1865 between J. P. Bowpeau of the first part and the following named former Slaves to wit: Mygia 32 years old. Also her three Children. Sarah 14 years old Green 8 years. Wade one year Owen 1/4 year old.

I P. P. Bowpeau of the first part do agree to employ the above said former Slaves as freedmen and give them their rations Clothing good houses, fuel and Medical attendance and twenty bushels of Corn for their labor on my farm from the present time to the 25th of December 1865 and we of the second part for and in Consideration of our clothing, rations and twenty bushels

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of Corn. to be furnished us. do agree faithfully to perform our labor and to obey all orders from the said P.P. Roupeau of the first part or his wife.

Witnesses:
C. Howard. }
Jas. Howard. }

P.P. Roupeau
Maria x
Sarah x
Owen x

The State of Alabama
Montgomery County } Contract made and concluded this 26th day of June 1865. by and between H. H. Robbins of said County and State, of the first part and Aleck a freedsman and Abby, a colored woman of said County and State of the second part. in these words: The said parties of the second part. Covenant and agrees to and with the said party of the first part. that they will do all the necessary farm work on the farm of said Robbins, obey his directions in all things and not leave the farm of said Robbins without his leave. and do anything that are required of them. under the regulations issued from the Freedmens Bureau at Montgomery, dated May 26th 1865.

And the said party of the first part. Covenants and agrees to and with the parties of the second part, that he will furnish them with food. Clothing, house, medical attention and fuel. and in addition thereto. to pay the Aleck ten bushels of corn per month. the said payment of Corn to be made at the time that the present Crops of Corn is gathered.

The above contract to remain in full force and effect until the 25th day of December 1865 and no longer.

In witness whereof I the party of the first part. for myself have hereunto set my hand and seal. and I the said Aleck for myself and as a witness that the above is substantially the contract made. between Robbins and the woman Abby have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written

H. H. Robbins.
Aleck x his mark

Witness }
Geo. W. Whitman.

The State of Alabama
Lowndes County } This agreement made and entered into between. Mrs. Caroline Russell of the first part and Lammon a freedman of the Second part. are as follows: The said Lemmon of the Second part binds himself to work for the said Mrs. Caroline Russell of the first part from this time until the first day of January next. and serve her faithfully as she may direct in all things fit and in consideration of said services the said Mrs. Caroline Russell of the first part binds herself to pay to the said Lammon of the Second part fifteen bushels of Corn. five bushels of Sweet potatoes. and a Shoat and furnish him medical attendance if necessary given under our hands this 10th day of July 1865. Signed in presence of

Jim N. Walker
C. Jo P. Walker

Caroline Russell
Lemmon x his mark

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State of Alabama }
Talladega County. } This agreement
made this the twelfth
day of June 1865. between J. A Robin-
son of the first part and the undersigned
laborers of the Second part all of the above
County and State. Witnesseth: That the
Said J. A Robinson in Consideration
of the Covenants on the part of the party
of the Second part. hereinafter Contained
doth Covenant and agree and with
the said laborers that he will give and
Convey to the said laborers one fifth part
of the present Corn and potatoe Crop
to be paid when gathered, and he doth far-
ther more agree to furnish the said laborers
with. house, rations, Clothing and med-
ical attendance until the first of Dec. next.
And the said laborers in Consideration
of the Covenants on the part of the party
of the first part, doth Covenant and
agree to and with the said J. A. Robinson
that he will faithfully work and perform
all the labor required of us by J. A Robinson.
on his farm until the first of December
next. In witness whereof we have here-
unto Set our hands and seals, this the
twelfth day of June 1865.

J. A Robinson,

Witnesses. } Sam. N. Hicks.
} J. A. Hopson.

Names of laborers: Phil x his mark Winney x
Spreary x & Children Ethick x Manuel x
Fill. x Winney. x Dick x Gustavus x Antony x
Manda. x Peter x Jessee. x Sally x Jake x.
Raney x

The State of Alabama }
Coffee County. } Articles of agreement
between William M. Keaching of the first part
and Sam a freedman aged 15 years of the
second part. The party of the first part agrees
to hire the party of the second part the balance
of this year 1865. and to pay him two dollars per
two pairs of pants, two shirts, one coat, one
pair of shoes and pay the medical bill
of said Sam. (Said Sam is a cripple)
This given under our hands this 4th 1865.

W. C. Keaching
Sam x his mark

Witness }
W. C. Simmons
Orlando x his mark.

The State of Alabama }
Montgomery County } Know all men by these
presents, that I Allen
Ray of the County and State aforesaid, do bar-
gain and agree with Sam, his wife Mary,
and his Children, whose age is 16 — 14 &c la-
bors in accordance with the laws and
orders of the United States of America, that I am to pay my Service,
and the said to remain with my
Service, or employment, I do on my
part bargain and agree to give them fif-
five bushels of Corn for the remainder of
the year also to feed and Clothe and pay
the Doctors bill as he shall open.
I Sam and family on our part do will-
ingly bargain and agree with the said
Allen Ray to remain in his Service
until the 25th of December next for our
victuals. Clothes. Dr Bill, and fifty five
bushels of Corn. also to perform any kind
of labor that I may be directed to do by

my employer as his agent
Allen Ray.
Witnesses, Sam x his mark
H. K. Price. Mary x her mark
K. H. Napier.

State of Alabama }
Tallapoosa County } Obedience to an order issued by Robert W. Conway of the Bureau of freedmen of Alabama. I. S. G. T. Ray party of the first part and Nelson a negro man about thirty-five years of age, and his wife Amelia as a woman about twenty five and their Children, Julia a girl five and a girl three, and an infant boy three weeks of age. Joe a boy sixteen. Mary a girl twelve, and Fan a woman thirty-five a diformed idiot, parties of the second part. Witnesseth: That the said parties of the first part agree to furnish and provide to and for the parties of the Second part, good and suitable Clothes, and good house room, fuel, and medical attendance, and medicine in case of Sickness, for the parties of the second part, for the year 1866. and until the first of January 1867. and also give the said Nelson 2 tobacco patch, and a Sugar, Millet patch. And the said parties of the Second part agree for and in Consideration of the above Stipulations to labor for and perform good Service in any manner or form, as Kind that the party of the first part may or Shall require of them: And it is further agreed and understood between the parties of the Second and first part, that the party

of the first part Shall exercise full control over the second part, to enforce obedience to the orders of the party of the first part in maintaining good order and discipline on the plantation. Signed &c. 1865.
(In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals
Witnesses. I. I. G. T. Ray.
M. L. Ray. Nelson x his mark
W. J. Gallomp. Amelia x her mark
Joe x his mark
Mary x her mark

The State of Alabama }
Tallapoosa County } We the undersigned obligate ourselves
obedience to A. M. Kapp for the remainder
of the year 1865. for one fourth of the present growing
crop of corn, Collected by us. Deductions to
be made from the one fourth of the Corn thus
levied by us, and all lost time from labor.
In case of non compliance with the above
contract, we are to be discharged and for-
feit our interest in the one fourth of said
Corn. We are to do any kind of labor that he may
direct during the time Specified in Contract.
Rose and four Children Mary, and Six Chil
dren, Becky and five Children. Becky
Mary Nancy Sam. Lewis Child.
Each of us the undersigned, agree to labor for
and obey A. M. Kapp for the remainder of the
year 1865 for our board, Clothing and medical
attendance. We are to do any labor he may
require Antony x Nero, x Lloyd x
I agree to furnish the above negroes with com-
fortable quarters, and Clothing, wholesome
rations, and pay their medical bill.
Witnesses. W. F. B. Bladen A. M. Kapp.
B. B. Bladen.

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The State of Alabama }
Lowndes County }

This Thursday Contracted with my boys. Simon. Henry. and Ephraim. Which I promise to pay the Said boys ten (10) bushels of Corn and ten (10) lbs. of tobacco each for their Services from now until Christmas

his
C. M. Rencher
mark
Simon. Henry
Ephraim.

The State of Alabama }
Autauga County } Articles of agreement entered into between J. A. Robinson on the one part and the following named Servants (Colored) persons to wit: — on the other part for the year 1866 or until January 1st 1867. Silas man aged 60 years. Andrew man aged 24 years Ellen Woman aged 24 years. and Fletcher boy. age 12 years old. I John A. Robinson do bind myself to furnish the above named Servants their Clothes, rations, fuel and medical attendance such as I have been accustomed to furnish heretofore to them when Slaves

And they do bind themselves to serve the Said J. A. Robinson, and obey him in all his Commands and edicts, and to be good and faithful Servants, observing all the laws, rules, and regulations which may hereafter govern his household, and to be punished as the law may direct: on the disobeying of any of his Commands or that of his family wife or Children.

Said Woman Ellen is to serve as cook, wash and milk or in other words: house Servant, all the time She can gain after her duties are

performed, as such is for her own benefit. the men to serve in any way, or do any work, as he hired out. And I John A Robinson my heirs or order and J. A Robinson to have the proceeds thereof.

John A. Robinson
Silas. Andrew. Ellen Fletcher.

I hereby certify that I have seen the above named Servants (Colored people) sign their names, or make their marks, of their own free will and accord, after being made acquainted with the contents of the above agreement, or contract. June 26th 1865.
Witness, } A. P. West.

The State of Alabama }
Pickens County }

In pursuance of Gen. Wilson's Commissioners order of Labor Regulations, and ordered to be enforced by Maj. Gen. R. C. Smith, at Montgomery Alabama on the 26th day of May 1865.

I James B. Bagsett of said aforementioned county and State, do agree to and with my servants Signing this agreement below with me. to the following terms to wit: to furnish them and their families, food, clothing, house, medical attendance and fuel, as I have heretofore done, and to divide with them in proportion to the Corn that may this year be made on all the land in the Thompson field, known as the wood end pen ground on the Side next to Col. L. Thigpens Mill field, and to give them half of the rice that may be on hand on the 1st day of January next, as mentioned, and give them all the patches they may work in Saturday evening time, for to raise and any other Crop they may desire to cultivate. And I agree with the hands on

Rosalie's place I give in number 6 to give each of them alike amount & each equal to that given each one at my Power is place. and they to have an equal Share in the rice. All agree to faithfully labor on either place as I may direct at all times.

Thos E. Rayford.

Witness to } No. 6. south.
Thos E. Rayford.

Burrell, x his mark, Stacy, x his mark Williams his mark, Lucy x his mark. Big Charles x her mark. Little Charles, x his mark, Jack x his mark. Diana, x her mark Caroline, x her mark Lucy x her mark, Cain, x his mark Louis x his mark, Dee. x his mark, Martha Amber mark, George, x his mark. Jacksons his mark, Jackson, x his mark, Phillip, x his mark, Venus x her mark.

The State of Alabama
Montgomery County. }

This agreement made and entered into this day between Thomas E. Rayford on the first part and the undersigned laborers on the second part. Witnesseth: That the said Thos. E. Rayford agrees on his part to employ until the first day of January 1866 the following named laborers to wit: Elias, aged 27 years. her infant. John Stephronia aged 7 years and Annarinetta 9 yrs of age for whom the said Thomas E. Rayford agrees to furnish good and comfortable Clothing, healthy food, also paying medical bills for the current year 1865. also fuel and Quarters. And the above-

named laborers agree on their part to do good and faithful labor for time above specified

Thomas E. Brichard
Eliza x her mark
Annarinta x her mark

Witnesses, } N. Block
} L. R. Kelly.

The State of Alabama. }
Butler County. } Agreement made and entered into

between C. W. Riley of the one part. and George A Freeman. and Hannah and R... and that and her three Children of the other part. The Said C. W. Riley doth agree on his part to board and Clothe and pay the doctors bill. and give to the Said freedmen thirty bushels of Corn for their Services. the Said George and Hannah and Rose. and Ben the Freedman doth agree on their part on the plantation of the Said C. W. Riley. from the first day of ~~January~~ June 1865. to the first day of January 1866. and for the Said freedmen to discharge the duty of laborers as prescribed in the law. Given under our hands and Seals. this June 24 1865.

C. W. Riley
George x his mark
Hannah x her mark
Rose. x her mark
Ben. x his mark

Witnesses. } J. M. Mosley
} L. W. Mosley

The State of Alabama }
Autauga County. } This indenture made and entered into by and between

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James A Reynolds of the first part. and Louden De Jarnette formerly a Slave of Jerry De Jarnette. and Fanny Laughter. and her three Children. named Joe. George. and Ellen. formerly Slaves of Henry C. Laughter. free persons of Color, of the Second part. Witnesseth: That the said parties of the first and Second parts. have Stipulated and agreed as follows: to wit. That the said parties of the Second part agree to Serve the said party of the first part. diligently and faithfully in the Capacity of laborers or Servants for and during the remainder of the present year 1865. and to obey all of his just and lawful Commands or orders touching the labor business, which may be required of them by the said party of the first part. and the said party of the first part. in Consideration of the promises and agreements of the said parties of the Second part. above Set forth on his part promises and agree to furnish the said parties of the Second part with food. Clothing, fuel Medical attendance. When sick. and houses to live in. during the remainder of the present year and in addition thereto. he further agrees to pay the said Louden & Jarnette of the Second part. ten dollars per. month. during the remainder of the present year 1865. payable on the first day of January 1866. and to treat the parties. the Second part humanely. And the parties of the first part and Second part. agree to Conform to the labor regulations

made and published in Montgomery Ala. on the 26th day of may 1865. by the Freedmen's Bureau. So. George. and Ellen are minors under the age of Six years. and represented in this Contract by their mothers Said Fanny.

In testimony whereof we of the first and Second parts have hereunto Set our hands and affixed our Seals this 1st day of June A. D. 1865.

James A. Reynolds.
Louden x
Fanny x

Witness. } L. C. Wilder.

The State of Alabama. }
Lowndes County. } Articles of agreement made and Entered into between M. S. Relfe. and Freedmen and women. whose names are hereunto assigned. The freedmen and women do hereby agree to live with Said Relfe as heretofore. to do good and faithful work. as in former years. also agree to do any work that the said Relf finds necessary; to keep the plantation and tools in good repair. also agree to do any hauling to and from Montgomery or elsewhere. as directed; to feed and take good care of all Stock on the place, and to obey implicitly all orders given by employer or agent as in former years. also agree to pay Said Relf. double the worth of anything. Stolen on the place with Sufficient evidence to Convict all depredators, to be Charged at the rate of forty Cts per day. Except in case where they are are well and quit work. Without permission. then the Charge to be one dollar per day. While absent from duty.

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For disobedience of orders, the forfeit to forty cents in each case. also forfeit all wages for Services rendered when the Contract is not fulfilled by desertion absence for one week without permission. to be considered desertion. Should. Such a case of forfeiture arise. We agree that Said Reff. Can withhold a portion of our Crop to Satisfy Such Claims. We also agree to feed and Clothe our Children that are unable to work, and agree that one peck of Corn Can be taken for each week pro. a portion per. Each Child. that Cannot and are not able to work. We also agree that one or more Whitman Shall decide the Crop according to the time each one has worked in the crop, and according to merit, and ability to work. Said Reff. agrees on his part to feed. Clothe and give the Freedmen and Women. Whose names are hereunto assigned one third of Corn and fodder made on the place Also one third of the potatoes and peas that may be raised on the place. Said agree to pay all Doctors Bills. David Little a man Born x Amelia Little Anderson. Little Mary. Sam Lotty. Ben John. Adaline Jane Polly. Peter. The. Wife. Mary

Witness. J R. Powell

The State of Alabama } Memorandum
Lowndes County. } of Contract
between Ann Reese and the laborers
hereinafter mentioned for their Services

and labor for the remainder of the year 1865. Ann Reese of the first part employes agrees to furnish them with Clothing, Wholesome provisions, houses, fuel. And to pay for all necessary medical bills, and to treat them humanely. — And Said Ann Reese also agrees to furnish them with two Sixth part of the Crop Saved the present year which Shall be divisable to them by January next.

On the Second part the laborers agree to work faithfully for Said Ann Reese they are to be obedient. The time for work as prescribed the regulations are as follows: they are to work ten hours every day in the Summer time, And nine hours in the Winter time, between daylight and dark. They are to take good care of all Stock on the place none are to be killed or injured and if any damage is done to any of the Stock, or killed, And it Can be proved on the laborers. They are to pay for it out of their portion of the Crop. In Case of Sickness of a laborers. the time is to be deducted according to the presented regulations. by Thos. W. Conway.

Names of laborers: Bride Berry. Charlotte Anderson. Joe. Dean. Harriet Mary Taylor. Margaret Deamot Melia Deamon.

We the undersigned Certify that the above Contract was Signed by Ann Reese in our presence and that the Signature of the negroes was made at their request. Some of the Subscribing witnesses.

Witness. J A. Whitman.

State of Alabama. }
Lowndes County } Memorandum
of a Contract be-
tween Ann Reese and the follow-
ing hereinafter named laborers.
1. Ann Reese of the first part
agrees to furnish them food, Clothing
houses, fuel and pay all necessy
medical bills. The Clothing to Consist
of one Suit around, in addition
one pair of good Shoes will be given
and also agreed to them three dollars
per month.
The laborers on their part agree
to work faithfully, at whatever Kind
of work the said Ann Reese may
desire about the house and to
and we do agree to take good care
of the houses and premises on
which we live.
We do all, each and every one of us
Obligate ourselves to be hard, prudently
and Correctly, and to obey Said
Ann Reese's orders, and in case
any one of the laborers do not com-
ply with their Contract, they can
be Sent to the Freedmens agent.
Cases of Sickness of a laborer
the time is to be deducted and the
time lost, to be deducted from
their wages
Ann Reese
Names of laborers: Lucy, Sallie Caro-
line & Jane, Sarah, Harrison,
We the undersigned Certify that the above Contract
was Signed by Ann Reese in our presence and
that the Signatures of the negroes was made at their
request by one of the Subscribing witnesses.
Witnesses } Cecil D. Whitman, Lewis Reese,

Calvin Reynolds Plantation
June 8th 1865.
Contract.
We the hands working on the
above named plantation, do hereby
obligate ourselves to work faithfully
and honestly for the said Calvin R. for the
year ensuing until the first day of January
1866. In remuneration the said Calvin
agrees to furnish each of the persons employed
comfortable houses, fuel, Clothes and
such medical attendance as may be needed
(in the event of any of the hands being sick
not just cause or lawful means, the per-
sons so having Shall individually forfeit
all their rights and titles to the said Calvin
as well as all other considerations
(if any) in accordance with the principles of
the Contract) he Calvin on his part
(provided he this document.
Witnesses } Adam S. Armstrong
Charles Revill.
Names of laborers: Oscar, Polk Adams
and his wife Isaac, Jack, Rich Adams
Irene,

The State of Alabama } Whereas it
Dallas County } Regulations pub-
lished by Thomas H. Conway Superin-
tendent of Freedmen and the military
authorities of the United States, this Con-
tract has been made and entered into
this the 24th day June 1865. between M. A.
Ridgway of said County and State of
the first part, and Armand a woman
of the Second part. Witnesseth: That the
said M. A. Ridgway, agrees and Contracts
to feed, Clothe, furnish house room
fuel and medical attendance during

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the year 1865. to the said Amanda of the Second part. and said Amanda in consideration of said food. Clothing. Medical attendance, fuel and house room. agrees to labor for the said Ridgeway. as he may direct during the year 1865. and be diligent and obedient in all things.
Witness our hands and Seals this the day and date above written.

M. A. Ridgeway
Amanda x her mark

Witness Seldon A Collins.

The State of Alabama & } ss 1864
Montgomery County }
Contract made and Concluded the 5th day of Dec 1865. by and between Joshua Jones of the above written County and State of the first part and the following named laborers or freedmen of Same County and State. Namely: Jack. first Class hand, Dick do. George do and Sue his wife 2nd Class. Joe. do. Betsey his wife Second Class hand Barlette 2nd do Ann his wife 2nd Class Edith Second Class hand. of the Second part. in these words: The said parties of the Second part. (the men representing their respective families) Covenant and agree with the said party of the first part. to work faithfully upon his plantation, to perform their work well. to obey all orders that may be given them about their work of any kind, to give no

impudence or inattention to those whome duty it is to Superintend their labor. We the said parties of the Second part do agree to do all the necessary work. usually done upon a farm in the Cultivation and Gathering of Crops that may be required of us by the said Joshua Jones or his agents, and do further agree that reasonable deductions shall be made from the portion of Crop. agreed upon and herein after mentioned, for loss of time and for Sickness or feigned Sickness. and further agree that we will Abide the Contract herein made and entered into till the Crops is gathered, and failing so to do, we will forfeit all of our wages in Such particular Cases.
And the said party of the first part agrees to pay unto the said party of the Second part on the 25th of December next for said labor till the end of the present year, the following number of bushels of Corn to wit:— To Jack for himself and daughter under 14 years 60 Bushels Corn Dick for family 40 bushels Corn. George for himself and wife Sue. 60 Bushels Corn. Joe. for himself and wife Betsey 60 Bushels of Corn. Barlett for himself and Ann and Ed his Son. (this man has a family of expensive Children 60 bushels of Corn. Edith twenty bushels of Corn.
And for the true and faithful performance of the agreement above mentioned the parties binds themselves by affixing their names and marks hereunto
The above-mentioned party of the first

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party agrees to furnish food. the Customary number of Suits of Clothing. and medical attention in case of Sickness. as required by regulations

Joshua Clones.

Witness} John, B. Powell

Names of laborers.
Jack his mark Kirk. his mark
George his mark. Joe his mark
Bartlett his mark. Edith her mark

The State of Alabama }
Dale County June 20th 1865 }
An agreement between Thompson Donnell and his former Slaves.
We the undersigned, with our own free will and accord. promise to live with our former owner Thompson Donnell. until Christmas. for our victuals and Clothing and the payment of our Dr. bills, and fifteen bushels of Corn.

Thompson Donnell.

Billy aged 60 yrs. Liny his wife aged 44 yrs. and his three Children. Sara aged 16 yrs. Ann 8 yrs. Jefferson 4 yrs. Cossatta, aged 2 yrs. Queen 4 months old.

Billy x his mark
Jenny x her mark

Witness} W. E. Hays.

The State of Alabama }
Dale County June 20th 1865 } An agreement between Thompson Donnell and his former Slaves.
We the Undersigned do with our own free will and accord promise to live

with our former owner until Christmas. for our victuals and Clothing. and the payment of our Dr's bills. and twenty-five bushels of Corn. and twenty bushels of potatoes.

Thompson Donnell.

Wesley aged 40 yrs. Ann his wife 35 yrs. and his Six Children. Tony age 13 yrs. Cely age 11 yrs. Mary age 8 yrs. Adaline age 5 yrs. Caroline one year old. Hannah 3 years old

Witnesses} Jesse Pouncy.
W. E. Hays.

The State of Alabama }
Dale County June 20th 1865 } An agreement between Thompson Donnell and his former Slaves:
We the Undersigned do with our own free will and accord promise to live with our former owner Thompson Donnell. until Christmas. for our victuals. Clothing and medical attendance. and twenty-five bushels of Corn and twenty bushels of potatoes.

Thompson Donnell.

Bedford. aged 60 yrs. Liny. his wife 50 yrs. old. and his five Children. Caroline age 18 yrs. Bedford 15 yrs. Angeline 11 yrs. Louisa age 7 Adams five yrs old.

Witnesses} Jesse Pouncy
W. E. Hays.

Articles of agreement entered into this the 21st day of June 1865. by H. D. Wilkinson on one part and his Servants on the other part. all of Dale County Alabama. Namely: H. D. Wilkinson agrees to fur-

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nish Said Servants food. Clothing. quarters fuel. and medical attendance. and Shoes. and further agrees to pay to the following named grown hands viz: Tony. Dadly. Samuel. Littleton. Minty, Jamar. Sarah, Mary. Harriett and Liggy five dollars each in the Common Currency of the Country. Also Sol. Dabe. Sandy Dink and Jimmy two and a half dollars each in the currency above-named. Also in addition Tony a man 60 years of age and head of a family. has Seven acres of Corn. and Some cane and rice and time to cultivate it. Dadly a man 35 years of age, no family on the plantation, has a half acre of rice and of Corn Samuel a man 26 years of age no family on the plantation has four acres of Corn, Some rice and cane. Stock and time to work it. Lit. 22 years of age two and one half acres of Corn and Stock and time to tend it. no family. Minty a woman 34 years of age and one Child Harriet 2½ yrs. old. and two Children Liggy 12 yrs old and four Children Sarah 10 yrs. old. and two Children. Jamar 12 yrs old. Mary. 8 yrs old. Tiney a girl 10 yrs of age.

H. J. Wilkinson

The above-named persons former Servants of H. J. Wilkinson. do agree to remain with him. and work as formerly, in Consideration of the above- named rates during the year 1865! Tony x his mark Dadly x his mark, Samuel x his mark. Littleton x his mark, Minty x her mark Harriet x her mark. Sarah x her mark. Jamar x her mark. Liggy x her mark Mary. x her mark.

The State of Alabama }
Coosa County. } I James Spigner of Said State and County. do agree to board, Clothe and furnish medical attendance. and pay Dick. Bill. Washington Dink. Stephen and Rosine. the one fourth part of all the Corn Molasses and Sweet potatoes. Stephen and Rosine are entitled ~~to~~ to one Share between them for which they are to labor on my plantation this present year. Dick is 24 yrs. old, Bill 24 yrs old. Washington 34 yrs. old Hank 18 yrs old. Stephen 35 yrs. old Rosine 60 yrs. old

The Said Joel Spigner pr. agrees to board and Clothe Eliza and her three Children for her labor on his plantation this present year. Eliza is 30 yrs old. her Child Mack 4 years old Jane 2 yrs old Henrietta 6 months old.

The Said Joel Spigner Jr. also agrees to board and clothe and furnish medical attendance to Amy, Jinnette and her Child. for their labor on his plantation this present year. Amy is 62 yrs. old Jinnette 18 yrs old. and in an advanced Stage of pregnancy: her Child Susan is three years old.

Joel Spigner

We the above-named freedmen do agree to the above terms. and will on our part abide by Said Contracts. June 5th 1865:

Witnesses: } H. M. Burkhalter
} H. L. Spigner.

Names of Laborers:— Dick x his mark Bill. x his mark. Daniel x his mark Dank x

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his mark. Stephen x his mark Rosena x his mark Eliza x her mark Amy x her mark Jennette x her mark.

The State of Alabama }
Dale County. }

This Memorandum of agreement entered into between Jesse Pouncy of one part. and Minyo and wife Sarah Jane. and eight Children and Jim, and his wife Catharine and one Child. Mary. and four Children. Ammon. Jim Bob. and Isaac, formerly Slaves. of the other part. Witnesseth: That the said Jessee Pouncy on his part agrees to Clothe, feed and render Medical aid when necessary to the said persons, and allow them half of every Saturday, and the said persons to wit:— Minyo. Wife and Children Jim alias Cop. Wife and Child. Mary and her four Children. Ammon Jim Bob and Isaac, agree to render their Services faithfully. to the best of their abilities; but Should said persons fail on their part to perform the Stipulations of Said Contract. it Shall become null and void, otherwise. to remain in full force and effect; this Contract dates back from the 15th of June last, and extends to the first day of January next, in Witness whereof we have hereunto Set our hands and Seals this the 28th of August 1865.

Witnesses } Jesse Pouncy.
Thompson Donnell. W E Hays.
W Patterson

Minyo x his mark, Sarah Jane x her mark Jim. alias Cop x his mark Catharine x her mark. Mary x her mark Ammon x his mark. Jim x his mark Joe x his mark Isaac x his mark.

This Agreement Entered into between B. Reese of the first part. and Isaiah, Sydna. Dorcas, Louisa and Martha of the Second part. Witnesseth: That the party of the first part is to pay Isaiah five dollars per month. and feed and Clothe him. and provide him medical attendance. and to pay Sydna two and a half dollars per month, and feed and Clothe her. and to provide her medical attendance. and to furnish Dorcas. Louisa and Martha with food. Clothing and medical attendance. In testimony whereof we have hereunto Subscribed our names or marks. the 19th day of June 65

B. L R[illegible].

Isiah, x Sydna x. Dorcas Louisa, Martha.

We the Undersigned, were present at the execution of the foregoing Contract, and the Signatures and marks thereto Subscribed. J. Beasley,
E. L. Anderson

Warrior Stand Alabama June 15th 1865. An article of Agreement in Compliance with an order Approved by Gen. Smyth Commanding this Department. between E. R. and L. P. Reed with the negroes who were formerly their Slaves. We E R. and L. P. Reed

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of the first part. and the following named negroes of the Second part, namely; Peter, Jim Anderson, Candis, Mary, Sallie. Fannie Emily, Patsy, Sanborn and Mandy. Witnesseth: That We E. K. and J. P. Reed do agree on our part to furnish food. Clothing fuel. houses and medical attendance. to the above named negroes and their thirteen Children. They do on their part Cheerfully agree to remain on the plantation of E. K. and J. P. Reed. until the first day of January. 1866. and diligently perform all tasks Allotted to them, and to yield implicit and prompt obedience to Every order We E. K. and J. P. Reed may give. and further agree to give William. the only available hand on the place. a tenth portion of the Corn, peas. and potatoes raised on Said plantation. he William obliging himself as the first named negro

E. K. and J. P. Reed.

Witnesses: Wm Jas Jetting
Ira P. Hamlett

The State of Alabama }
Lowndes County. }

Memorandum of a Contract between George M. Reese and the laborers hereinafter mentioned. for their Services and labor for the remainder of the year 1865. Each of George M. Reese of the first part. Employers. as is to furnish them with Clothing Wholesome provisions. pay for all necessary medical bills and to treat them humanely

to Clothe the Laborers with one pair of pants. and one Shirt to each man and boy. and one dress and underdress to each woman and girl. of good Strong Cotton goods, and this writer to furnish to each man and boy one pair of pants. one Shirt one Jacket. and one pair of Shoes. and to each woman and girl one dress one underdress. and one pair of shoes

And the Said Estate also agrees to furnish with Comfortable houses and all necessary fuel. and in addition to the feeding, Clothing and medical bills &c, the Said Estate agrees to furnish one fifth of the nett Crop. Saved of the Corn fodder. and one third of the molasses made of the present Crop. Which Shall be divisable to them by the first day of January 1866.

2nd. The laborers on their part agree to work faithfully, for the administrators of Said Estate of Geo. M. Reese. or whatever Superintendent or agent the administrators Sees proper to put on their place.

The time as prescribed in the regulations for work is as follows; Ten hours in the Summer time between daylight and dark. and nine hours in the winter time. and at Such work as the employers or Superintendents may desire from now until the first of January 1866. with the exception of one week's holiday. during Christmas last. at Which time a Sufficient assembly of men and boys Shall take by turns to remain on the place and attend to the Stock and other business necessary to the Safety of

the Crop and place. The laborers are not only to work in making and Saving of the Crop. but in preparing for the next Crop. Embracing Crop-work, rail Splitting, fencing, hauling building, ditching, blacksmitting hewing and Spinning. and the Superintendent to have full Control of all the laborers, and everything belonging to the plantation. and we are to yield implicit obedience to the employers or Superintendents.

In Case of Sickness of a laborer the time is to be deducted in proportion to their Share of the Crop and in cases where any of the laborers Shall lay up, and from no Cause but to avoid work, or Shall absent themselves wilfully from their work on the place, they Shall forfeit all Claim to their a part of the Crop and Can be discharged and Sent off at the option of the Employer. and in Case any of the laborers becomes insolvent. refractory or unmanageable. they Can be sent off from the place and Shall in Such Cases be debarred from any Claims on the Crop.

They all in the Second part. to labor and Every one obligate themselves to behave prudently and correctly and to observe Such rules and regulations as they have heretofore observed on the place. and to take good Care of the houses, lots and premises. and to take good care of all the Stock on the place. and that no horse or mule, belonging to the place is to be rode without the Consent of the Superintendent. and that no Stock Shall be Killed. and not to injure any of the

plantation implements. and if any damage or injury is done willfully by any one of the laborers to those things or any of them. they are to pay damages at a fair valuation, out of their portion of the crop. They are to callout in idle Vagrants lurking about the plantation. The men and boys are to be divided in two Squads, one of which is to train on the 1st days and attend stock, on Saturdays and Sundays. and all work is to cease at twelve (12) o'clock on Saturday. to be resumed on Monday morning, except in cases Such as are prescribed by the regulations, where it is necessary to the Saving of a portion of the Crop. Which cannot be done without injury. June 13th 1865

Duncan McCall
J. Gresham.

Names of Laborers.
Dick. Ben. George Anderson, Bill, Coad, Chloe, Amy, Cain, Leana, Nelly Henry. Wade, Richmond Milton Owen, Wade, Hayward, Armstead, Little Owen, Kit Richard, Manuel, Bob. Easther. Burrell, Sophy, Celia, Susan Mary Brown, Lewis, Elijah Milly, Martha, Jacob, Julia, Lucy, Melvin. Nagy, Catharine, Isabella, Elsey, Southy. Margarette, Yellow Mary, Nick Banner, Mary Jane, Emanuel, Rosetta, Wade, Emma, Mary Ann, Louisa Mildred, Jeffer Henry, Jane. Lucy Tom. Bill Pitt, Louisa Pal Rev.

We the undersigned Certify that the above Contract was Signed by Daniel Duncan McCall, and J. Gresham.

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administrators of the estate of G. M. Rose, in our presence, and their Signature of the negroes was made at their request by one of the Subscribing Witnesses.

Witnesses { Thomas Douglass.
P. N. Cilly.

The State of Alabama } This indenture
Sumter County } made and entered into on this the 20th day of June 1865, by and between E. P. Robinson of the County and State aforesaid of the first part and Lewis in behalf of his five Children. namely: Fanny, Jane, Jane and Rachael Parsons under the age of fourteen years, and Hagar in behalf of herself and Children. Maunda, Criminal one year old free persons of Color of the said County and State of the second part. Witnesseth; That the said parties of first part and second part. have stipulated and agreed as follows: The said parties of the second part promise and agree to serve the said party of the first part diligently and faithfully as laborers or house Servants during the remainder of the present year 1865. and to obey all lawful orders touching their duties as laborers or house Servants. and in Consideration of said promises and agreements above set forth. the said parties of the first part. agrees to furnish the said parties of the second part. with food. Clothing. fuel. medical attendance when sick, and houses to live in for. and during the remainder of the present year. and to treat them in all respects.

hereunto Set their hands and affixed their Seals on the day and year above written

E. J B Robinson
Lewis x his mark
Margaret x her mark.

Witness H. A. Allen.

State of Alabama } This Contract Entered into
Chambers County } 31st of July 1865. Between
Wm. Reeves and the undersigned laborers
his following witnesseth: That
the said Wm Reeves agrees to furnish
to them in food. Clothing, Shelter medical
attendance and fuel. The remainder
of this year to themselves, their families
and fellow servants. Who are entitled
to Support themselves to wit:—
Dalton aged 38 yrs. Sd Charles 45 yrs. Mark 28
Jim, 23 yrs. Nelson 14.— Esther & Hannah.
80— Peggy 36. Bob. (Indian) 15 Polly.
12 Clark 10— Jane & Sarah 6 Brantly 5
Amanda 8 months. Harriet 36 Elias 17
Henry 11— Floyd. 6 Silda 32 Sarah 5
Susan 5 Keller 3 Jinney 26 Allen 9.
Lonet 5 Lucy 2

And to give additionally one tenth part of the Crop of Corn, Fodder, peas potatoes Cane & Syrrup. to be divided among the laborers according to Classification agreed upon by themselves and the Undersigned. We laborers agree on our part to remain on the farm of the said Wm Reeves. and labor faithfully and obey the Rules and regulations of the place

as we have heretofore done for the remainder of the year, in Consideration of Food. Clothing Shelter, medical attendance and fuel, furnish by him to themselves and families. and the old unable to work, and one tenth part of the Crop of Corn, Fodder, Peas, Potatoes and Syrup.

Witnesses } B. B Moore. Wm Robinson
L. H Moore. Jalon x his mark
Charles x his mark
Mah x his mark Lewis x his mark Esther x her mark
Peggy x her mark Silas x his mark Lewis x his mark

State of Alabama } Contract entered
Lowndes County } into. and this day agreed upon between Wm Robinson and the following named Negroes to wit Those Signatures or marks to hereunto affixed.

1st. The Said Wm Robinson on his part, agrees to furnish the said labourers, Food. Clothing, houses and land, also Medical attendance. until the first day of January 1866. in Consideration of the agreement on their part to herein after expressed.

2nd We the Said labourers on our part agree to work and serve the said Wm Robinson faithfully until the first day of January 1866. for the Considerations above Written on his part. and we further agree to Conform to all Such Rules and Regulations as we have heretofore been accustomed While in his Employ.

Witness our Signatures or marks this 16th day of June 1865.

Wm Robinson

Names of Laborers. — Jerry. x Edward x
Polly. x Madaline x Emma x Amy. x

Witnesses { R. M. Russell.
W. S. Pearson.

The State of Alabama } This indenture
Sumter County } entered into on the
1st day of June A. D. 1865. between Gozeph
H. Reese of the first part and Bob,
Pit, Medicaly, Luke, Hannah, Ben. Hen-
ry, Ike Haley, Fanny Mary, Jane,
Nelson, Bob. Easy, John, Archy,
Patty, Polly, Sam. Ruth, Kenny,
Ann, Ann. Lucy, Lucy, Maria,
Jim, Emma Louisa Ann, Lucy,
Mary, Wesley, Dick, Harriet, William
Archie, Polly, Charles Frances, Jack,
Rebecca, Perry, (Cases of the Second
part, free persons of Color, formerly
Slaves of Joseph H. Reese heretofore
Hear the said parties of the first and
Second parts. have Stipulated and agreed
as follows: That the said parties of the
Second part agree to serve the said party
of the first part diligently and faith-
fully in the capacity of Servants and
laborers during the remainder of the
present year 1865. and to obey all of his
lawful and just Commands or
orders touching the labor business
and to diligently and faithfully
perform any work or labor of any kind
or description. or follow any occupation
during the year 1865. required of them
by the said party of the first part and
to be obedient to all of his just and
lawful Commands or orders and

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faithful as labarers. or Servants for him during the remainder of the present year 1865. and the Said party of the first part. on his part. in Consideration of the promises, agrees to furnish to the Said parties of the Second part. food, Clothing, Medical attendance when Sick. fuel and houses to live in during the remainder of the present year 1865, and in addition thereto, he further agrees to give pay and deliver the Same to the parties of the Second part. the one tenth of all the Crops. (excepting hogs) gathered on his Said party of the first parts plantation. during the year 1865. and to deliver the Said one tenth to the Said parties of the Second part. as Soon after the gathering or housing of the Same as practicable. and to treat the Said parties of the Second part humanely. Luke and Sarah are minors under the age of five years. and represented in this Contract by their mother. Mariah. Haley. Hanney. Mary. Jane and Adam are minors under the age of thirteen. years and represented in this Contract by their mother.

Hannah. John. Archy. and Patty. are minors under the age of eight years. and represented in this Contract by their mother. Lucy. Sam. Spritt. Henry. Judy. Dred and Emma are minors under the age of Seven years. and represented in this Contract by their mother. Betsy. Mariah. Linnan and Emma are

minors under the age of Seven years. and represented in this Contract by their mother. Dony. Amanda or Manda is a minor under the age of thirteen years. and represented in this Contract by her mother. Mary. William. and Aggie are minors under the age of three years. and represented in this Contract by their mother. Harriet. Charles. Frances and Jack are minors under the age of five years. and represented in this Contract by their mothers. Polly. Perry. are minors under the age of one year and represented in this Contract by mother Rebatha.

In testimony Whereof we of the first and Second parts have hereunto Set our hands and affixed our Seals this 16th day of June. A. D. 1865.

Witness. & C. L. G. Darker.

Joseph L Beers.

Names of Laborers: Edp. x his mark Fit. Mariah. Beer. Hannah. Ike. Bob. Cress. Betty. Dory. Lucy. Sam. Chery. Mary. Dick Harriet. Polly. Rebatha. Isaac.

The State of Alabama & We H. B. J. Montgomery and J. Simp. Butler County & Broughton of Said State and County do hereby Certify that the following agreement was on this 8th day of June. A. D. 1865. entered into between Joseph Rogers and the following named negroes. namely: Albert aged 33 yrs. and Easter aged 19 yrs. to wit: The Said Rogers obligates himself to pay to the Albert ten dollars per. month. from the first day of June 1865. to the 1st day of October 1865. and

to the Said Easter Seven dollars per. month. from the 1st day of June 1865. to the 15th day of October 1865. payable in Corn at the market price on Said 15th day of October 1865; and the Said Rogers also obligate himself, to feed, Clothe, Lodge and pay physicians bill during the time above Specified. The Said negroes Albert and Easter Obligate themselves to labor according to the directions of Said Rogers; and loose Such time as they may be Sick, and unable to labor. Witness Joseph Rogers

H. B. S. Montgomery
J. J. Broughton.

The State of Alabama }
Talapoosa County } Articles of agreement & Specifications of a Contract made and entered into Timothy P. Rupell. of Said State and County. and the following negroes. emancipated by the United States authorities from Slavery. Namely; Simon a man 47 yrs. old George a man 25 yrs. old (diseased,) Harry a man 22 years. old. Sandy a man 20 years old. Lot a boy 17 yrs. old. Isaac a boy 14 yrs. old. Alley. a woman 20 yrs. old. Lewis a boy about. 20 years old. Lucy Ann a woman 22 yrs old. with two Small Children. Aby a woman 21 yrs old. with two Small Children. Harriet a woman 24 yrs old. with one Small Child, and Soon to be Confined. Caroline a woman 35 yrs old (Sickly.) Ellen a girl 15 years old, Ophelia a girl 5 yrs

old. Ike a boy 9 yrs old. Witnesseth: That the above named negroes, agree and Contract on their part, that they will work and labor on the farm, and do any other work usually performed on a farm. and that may be necessary to keep up the farm. until next Christmas. working under the orders issued 25th of May last at Montgomery, as to time.

Each one further agrees that they will at all times render to Rapell and his family, the Same, as heretofore rendered to them.

For and in Consideration of Said Service Rapell agrees on his part to pay the Said negroes one third of his Corn. one third of his potatoes. and one third of his peas. and all the Syrrup over (40) forty gallons. To feed, Clothe and furnish medical attendance to them and their Children as heretofore, and nurse and attend to them faithfully. and treat them Kindly. The Said products to be divided among Said negroes according to Classification adopted in Said order of the 25th of May last.

As witness our Signatures and marks this June the 5th 1865.

Timothy Rapell.

Witnesses. J. W. Dodson
Wm H. Galloway
C. M. Grimes.

Names of laborers:— Simon x George x Sandy x Lott. Isaac x Lewis x Harry x Alex x Lucy x Ann x Olly x Harriett x Caroline x Ellen x Ophelia x Ike x.

The State of Alabama
Pe tumpka. July 5th 1865.

Memorandum of an agreement between Dimothy Root of the first part, and Adam a man of Color, of the Second part. Witnesseth; That the said Dimothy Root of the first part and Adam a man of the Second part have made the following Contract; Said Adam is to work as a Servant until the first of January next. the Said man Adam to labor at farm work. or any other work he may be qualified to perform. faithfully and diligently. in the Capacity of a Servant. and the said Dimothy Root. agrees to pay the Said Adam for and in Consideration of the Services & faithfully rendered as Servant. the total Sum of thirty dollars (30) payable on the 1st day of January next (1865) in United States Currency. and to provide for him in addition a house, food, fuel, medical attendance if necessary and one Suit of Clothing Such as is Customary

In testimony whereof We hereunto Set our hands the day and date above written

D. Root

Adam x his mark

Witness
J. Shumer, Fowler.
J. H. Rice.

The State of Alabama }
Pickens County July 1st 1865 }

Memorandum of an agreement between Timothy Root of the first part. and Lewis and Eliza. Wife of Lewis persons of Color, parties of the second part. Witnesseth:

That the said Timothy Root party of the first part. has Contracted with said Lewis and Eliza parties of the second part, for their Services until the first day of January next 1866. The said man Lewis to labor at ordinary farm work, or any other work he may be qualified to perform, faithfully and Chilligently. In the Capacity of a Servant. The woman Eliza to Cook, Wash iron, and do Such other work as is necessary and Common to be done about the house as a Servant. in the usual Course of housekeeping affairs. For and in Consideration of these Services as Servants, to be faithfully rendered, the said Root is to pay to the said Lewis and Eliza on the 1st day of January next (1866.) the total Sum of (60) Sixty dollars (Thirty dollars Each) in the Currency of the United States. and to provide for them in addition, a house, food. fuel. medical attendance if necessary. and one (1) Suit of Clothing Each Such as is Customary for Servants.

In testimony whereof we hereunto Set our hands the day and date above written.

Witnesses } Chauncy Fowler. } T. Y. Root
C. H. Rice } Lewis x his mark
Eliza x her mark

The State of Alabama }
Coosa County } Articles of Contract entered into between James M. Lauderdale and his farmer Slaves, to wit: Dave, Ben, Lewis, John, Unity, Sam, Mary Ann, Nancy and Charlotte, free persons of color. Witnesseth; That the said J. M. Lauderdale in Consideration of the Services hereinafter mentioned, does agree to feed Clothe and furnish medical attendance, and take Care of Said Dave, Ben, Lewis, John, Unity, Fanny, Marian, Nancy and Charlotte in times of Sickness, and furnish wood for fire, until the first day of January next, and to give them for their labor, one fourth of the Corn, fodder, potatoes, Syrup, and one Sixth of the wheat that may be raised and gathered after deducting of half of Said one fourth for the labor of other hands engaged with them, in Saving the Crop, to be paid at the time of gathering, and the Said Dave, Ben, Lewis, John, Unity, Fanny, Marian, Nancy and Charlotte, do agree that they will labor faithfully for the Said James M. Lauderdale upon his farm, and under his direction until the 1st day of January next, according to the Rules and Regulations of the Superintendent of freedmen Bureau. Witness our hands this 1st day of Dec 1865.

Witnesses. } J. M. Lauderdale.
R. McKinney
J. A. Lauderdale,

Dave x his mark. Ben x his mark Lewis x his mark John x his mark Unity x her mark Fanny x her mark. Marian x her mark, Nancy x her mark. Charlotte x her mark

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The State of Alabama } Contract made and
Autauga County } concluded the 24th day of Dec A.D. 1865. by and between George Rives jr. of the above County and State of the first part. and the following named Freedmen, women and Children of the second part. to wit:- Daniel aged Eighty. and his wife Dolly aged Seventy. years. Lasitta 32 yrs old. and three Children. under Seven. Mary, 12- Viney 48 John 32 Henry 30- Jessee 24 Rose. 34 and two Children under five. Jane 12 Stafford 37- Esther 80. Becca 38 Stephen 8 Whitfield 14- Ben 15- and three Children of Beccas under Seven. Rachael 37 Jane 16- Matilda 14- Sarah. 12- and three Children of Rachaels under Seven Jennie 80- Viney 35- and infant. Lucinda 11- Abner 68, and (a Cripple) Venus his wife 70 and blind. Toney 68- Betty 50. Adam 25- Morris 21- Mac 15- Jacks 55- and wife Nancy 50 Mcinneal 22- Mary 12 Julia 8 and boy Julia 12 years old.

The said parties of the second part Contract and agree to work and Live as farm laborers. house Servants, Cook Ferrymen and to do the usual farm work for the remainder of the year 1865. for the benefit of the Said party of the first part. and the Said party of the first part Contract to deliver to the Said parties of the Second part. on the first day of January 1866. one fourth of the ~~Crop~~ Corn. potatoes and Syrup. and one half of the pork raised and killed on

Said farm. (but one half of Said barn necessary to patten Said park, Will be deducted from the one fourth, to be delivered to Said parties of the Second part.) and to Clothe, feed and furnish medical attendance, Such as has been found on Said farm, for and in Consideration of the work done by the Said parties of the Second parties Said parties of the Second part, to have and to hold What may be delivered under this Contract for their own proper use and benefit.

In witness whereof the Said George Rines jr hereunto affixes his Signature

George Rines Jr.

The State of Alabama } Affidavit of
Tallapoosa County } Agreement

Specifications of a Contract made and entered into between Timothy J. Rupell of Said County and State and the following Emancipated Negroe from Slavery by the United States Authorities. Namely: Mary a woman 49 years old. and one Small Child Edy a woman 45 yrs old (Diseased,) and one Small Child. Julia a woman 44 (Badly diseased,) and five Small Children

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The State of Alabama } Articles of
Tallapoosa County } Agreement

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women usually occupied in Spinning
Weaving, Washing. Milking. Cooking &c &c.
Each Covenants and agree to faithfully
work as heretofore in the Various business
or work that may be necessary, as Such
as from time to time be directed by
Rupell or his wife, and we further agree
that we will at all times depart our selves
to and Rupell and family with due
Courtesy and respect.
Rupell agrees on his part agrees to pay
the Said negroes each, five dollars per
month. Said payment to be made in Corn
at the market price, at Christmas; to feed,
Cloathe & Som their Children as heretofore,
to furnish proper medical attendance
in Case of Sickness and otherwise treat
them kindly. As witness Signatures
and marks this June the 5th 1865.

Dinnotty L. Rupell
Mary × Edy ×
Julia ×

Witness to
L. W. Dodson
W. H. Galloway.
C. M. Graves.

The State of Alabama } Contract be-
Bibb County. } tween C. C. Rushton
on the one part and freed labarers viz:
C. C Rushton on his part agrees to furnish
houses, fuel, Clothing and medical attend
ance. and shoes for all able to work
also rations: the labarers to have half
of each Saturday, except the necessity
of the Crop may require their services, and
all of Sunday they to visit, and attend
to the Stock. Cook &c. this to be binding on
his part for this year, or so long as the labarers
do good and faithful Service.

The following laborers. namely; Albert. his wife Nancy and four Children ages 7—5—3 years old, and infant four weeks old. Hannah and 4 Children. the oldest a boy. Cain. one of the Contracting parties and the other five ages 12-10-6—5 and infant one month old. Ema and one Child three years old. and Harriet about thirteen years old.

We the above laborers agree to make good and faithful hands. for our rations Clothing, houses. fuel, medical attendance and Shoes. we to have half of each Saturday to work in our patches, or do anything else we please. unless necessity requires our attention. and all of Sunday.

We to Attend to milking and feeding the Stock. and Cooking. We have heretofore lived with O.C. Rushton and know him. and make this Contract freely and Voluntarily. and expect to receive the same treatment in future we have in the past, and to render like Service this Contract is for the remainder of this year or so long as all parties perform their part. this 14th of June. 1865.

O.C. Rushton

Witnesses { J. R. Rushton
P. Campbell

Marks of laborers: Albert x his mark Nancy x her mark, Hannah x her mark Cain x his mark Ema x her mark. Harriet x her mark.

The State of Alabama } Contract made
Autauga County } and concluded the 24th day of June 1865. by and between Mrs. Mary Reese. of the above County and State, of the first part. and Moses a freedman aged fifty-five years. and Charlotte a freed girl aged fifteen years. of the Same County and State of the second part.

The Said party of the Second part Contracts and agrees to work and Serve as farm laborers. and house Servants and Cook and to do Such other work as is usual on farm. for the remainder of the year. Said farm being in possession of Said Mrs. Mary Reese of the first part, and the Said Mrs Mary Reese of the first part. Contracts and agrees to deliver to the Said Moses of the first part. one tenth of all the growing Crops. on the 1st day of January A. D. 1866. and to furnish rations. Clothing, fuel, and medical attendance to the Said Moses. The Said Moses to have and to hold the one tenth of the Said growing Crops for his own use. and in his own right. for and in Consideration of his Services and work. and the Said Mrs Mary Reese. of the first part. Contracts and agrees to furnish rations, fuel. Clothing and medical attendance to the said Charlotte of the Second part, for and in Consideration of Service and work to be rendered by Said Charlotte for the remainder of the year 1865.

In witness where of the Said Mrs. Mary Reese of the first part. hereunto affix her Signature Mary Reese

State of Alabama. Autauga County. I do hereby Certify that the above Contract was read in my presence. to Mrs. Mary Reese. and to the freedman Moses and girl Charlotte. and in the presence of each other. and that they all voluntarily

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assented to the Same. and that Mrs. Mary Reese. did in my presence affix her Signature.

W. J. Lamy.

The State of Alabama. } This indenture
Covington County } made and entered
into this the 14th day of June 1865. be-
tween Willis Riley of Covington County
and State aforesaid. of the first part.
Bartlett, wife and four Children,
Charity, and three Children, Edy and
one Child, Lucy and Harry Covenants
and agrees to and with the said parties
of the first part to live and labor with
him. on his farm. for their food
and raiment. with their medical
bills in case of Sickness to be given to
them. and families including in
all in No. (10), and the said party of
the first part. Covenant and agrees
to comply with the above regulations of
the party of the Second part.
Witness Whereof the parties to these pre-
ents have hereunto Set their hands and
Seals the day and year above written

Willis Riley.

Witnesses } D. L. Cook
J. K. Burnette
Jesse M. Bruckaze

Names of laborers: Bery × Harvey ×
Charity and three Children Edy and
one child Barty.

State of Alabama } Memorandum
Macon County. } of an agreement
Entered into this the fifth day of June
1865 between the following named

Freedmen to wit: Dock 50 yrs old.
Chauncy 23 yrs of age. and her Child Alex
ander two yrs of age. Hester 31 yrs of age
and her Children Joseph 10 yrs. of age.
Martha 12 yrs of age. Manson 9 yrs of age.
Eliza 4 yrs. of age. and Harrison one yrs
of age Henry 41 years of age. and his
wife Hilary 45 yrs of age. and their
Children. Samuel 13 yrs. of age Berry
10 yrs old and Moses 6 yrs of age Adri-
enne 19 yrs of age Bell 23 yrs. of age and
her Child Sarah Ann 4 yrs. of age Mari-
17 yrs of age Alfred 32 yrs. of age. John
25 yrs of age Hartlett 25 yrs of age Julia
24 years of age. and her Child Edna 2
years of age. Parties of the first part
and E. A. and E. L. Mc. Wharler. par-
ties of the second part.

1st. The Said parties of the first part
agree to cultivate and gather the Crops
of Corn. fodder. peas. Potatoes, and rice
now growing on the plantation belonging
to the said E. A. and E. L. Mc. Wharler.
parties of the Second part.

2nd The Said parties of the first part
agree to labor on the Said plantations
of the Said E. A. and E. L. Mc. Wharler
until the first day of January 1866.
and they further agree to labor ten hours
in every day, between daylight and
dark. in Summer, and nine hours
in winter, except the afternoon of
Saturdays and the whole of Sunday.

3d. The Said E. A. & E. L. Mc. Wharler
parties of the Second part agree to fur-
nish food. Clothing houses medical
attendance and fuel to the Said parties
of the first part. and they the Said E. A.
& E. L. Mc. Wharler further agree to pay

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to the said parties of the first part one fifth of all the Crop of Corn, Fodder, Peas, potatoes and rice &c. growing on their said plantation.

4th And the said E. A. & E. S. McC. Wharton, parties of the second part further agrees. that all the Crops and property on the said plantation shall be held and be Covered by a lein against all other Creditors to the extent of the wages due said parties of the first part.

E. A. & E. S. McC. Wharton
Alfred x his mark

Witnesses, John C. Dustens,
Samuel Bemer.

The State of Alabama } June 27, 1865.
Montgomery County } Know all men by these presents, that E. & E. McC. Wharton of the first part, in and for the consideration of the Services of the following named negro woman Elizabeth Ott and her Child Frank aged 5 yrs. do agree to furnish her food, and Clothes, house room, and to pay her doctor bill

And that the said negro woman, Elizabeth Ott, does agree to do the Cooking, washing, ironing, scouring, and such other work as is usual and necessary for the comfort of a family.

E. & E. McC. Wharton.
Elizabeth Ott x her mark

Witness } C. R. Mitchell.

The State of Alabama } Articles of Contract
Coosa County } entered into between William McC. Lehman and his former Slaves to wit: James and Noel free persons of Color, Witnesseth: That the said W. McC. Lehman in Consideration of the Services hereinafter mentioned does agree to feed, lodge, Clothe, and furnish medical attendance and fuel, until the 1st day of January next and to give them for their labor one fourth of the Corn, Wheat, oats, fodder, and molasses, that may be raised and gathered after deducting one half of said one fourth for the labor of the other hands engaged with them in securing the Crops. to be paid at the time of gathering. And the said James and Noel do agree that they will labor faithfully for the said Lehman, upon his farm and under his direction, until the 1st of January next according to the rules and regulations of the Superintendent of the Freedmens Bureau. Witness our hands this 1st day of June 1865.

W. McC. Lehman.
James x his mark
Noel x his mark

The foregoing Contract was read over to the said James and Noel, in my presence. A Chester.

The State of Alabama } Articles of
Coosa County } Contract
agreed upon between Patrick McKinley and his former Slaves, now free persons of Color to wit: Perry, Jacky Dann, Turner, Wash, Charlotte and

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with a young Child. Jerusha and her child. three years old three years old & Harriett & Light.

The Said Mc. Kiney. in Consideration of the Services to performed by the above named freedmen agree to give to give them one fourth of the Wheat. Oats, Rye. Barley, Potatoes. fodder. Cotton, and Corn. now growing on his farm. for which they agree to perform all the labor necessary to make ~~the~~ and secure Said Crop. and all work necessary for Keeping his farm in thorough repair. also to do the work necessary for preparing the land and putting in the grain Crop this fall.

The Said Mc. Kiney. also Contracts with Winney about 15 years old Hannah about 70 years old. and Harriett who has two Small Children, that for their work he will board, Clothe, and provide medical attendance and house to live in, and fuel, for their Services He also agrees with Perry, Jack, Dann, Barney, Mark Charlotte, Ann, Jerusha and Light. that in addition to the portion of the Crop. agreed upon. he will also board. Clothe and furnish medical attendance. house to live in and fuel. all the above free persons to agree to work for the Said Mc. Kiney. at any work he may Want done until 1st of January next. Signed this 15th day of July 1865.

Patrick Mc. Kiney.

Names of Laborers.— Perry x his mark Jack x his mark. Dann. x his mark. Barney x his mark. Mark. x his mark Charlotte her mark. Ann x her mark. Jerusha x her mark, Light x her mark Winney x her mark Hannah x her mark Harriett x her mark.

The State of Alabama } Know all men
Tallapoosa County } by these presents
that I L. L. Crowell of the Same County and State have this day Entered into an agreement with the following named freedmen. to wit: Alfred a boy 26 years to which he agrees to work with one for his victuals and Clothes until the 25th day of December I also agree to furnish him medical attendance and to bear all expenses Given under my hand. this the 13th of June 1865. in the presence of these witnesses.

Alfred x his mark.

Witnesses } L. L. Crowell
} L. L. Crowell.

The State of Alabama } It is agreed
Coosa County June 3 1865 } between Nathan Ellis and Samuel the head of a family aged 70 years. his wife Minerva age 56 yrs. and five Children Bob age 16 yrs. Pamela age 14 yrs. Stephen age 7 yrs. Henry 6 yrs of age. James 3 yrs of age. that Said family owing to their Condition (both of the family able for Service) remain on Said premises until Christmas next for food. Clothing house room and medical treatment } C. C. Bently.

Witnesses } C. K. Monroe
} C. C. Kirby

Nathan Ellis.
Samuel x his mark

Contract made and Concluded this
June 3d 1865 by and between J. J. Evans
of the first part and Allen Evans Jordan
Evans, Armand Evans and John
Evans, Colored laborers of the Second
part. both parties of the State of Ala.
and County of Lowndes. in these
words: The Said party of the Second
part Covenants and agrees to and with
the Said party of the first part to faith-
fully labor on his farm, or elsewhere
he may direct, for the term of five
months. with the exception of the
afternoon of Saturday and Sunday
of each week. To labor in the afternoon
of each Saturday in Fodder Saving
or when necessity Requires otherwise
and to labor ten hours of each day in
the Summer months. and nine in the
fall months. and to do all other things
necessary about a farm. and to forfeit
the herein named wages if they should
become idle, negligent, or shirk
labor for the Said part of the first
part. and to deduct the time
lost in Sickness and provisions
used. And the Said party of the
first part. Covenants and agrees
with the Said party of the Second
part to pay the amount as follows:
for the performance of labor aforesaid
To give to Allen Evans 12 Bushels
of Corn per. month, to be paid at
the end of the term which is 3d day
of November next.
To Armand Evans 6 Bushels Corn
per month. to be paid at the end
of the term which 3d day of Novem.br
next. To Jordan Evans five (5)

dollars per month, to be paid at the end of the Term which is 25 day of November next. To John Evans three dollars per month, to be paid at the end of the term which is 25 day of November next and also feed them, and Clothe them, to the males. 2 pairs of pantaloons, 1 Coat 2 Shirts and one pair Shoes Each. to the females two over Coats, two under Coats and 1 pr of Shoes. and also procure medical attention in Sickness.

In Witness Whereof the parties to these presents, have hereunto Set their hands and Seals this June 8th 1865. Sealed in the presence of

Witnesses, W. N. Evans
J. F. Clough

L. L. Evans.
Amand Evans ×
Allen Evans ×
Jordan Evans ×
John Evans ×

State of Alabama } Agreement -
Lowndes County } made June 7th 1865.

between F. L. Ellis of the first part, and the undersigned Gilbert. Reuben and Edmund of the Second part. The party of the first part agrees to furnish land on which a Crop is growing. also 5 mules or horses with harness and all necessary tools for cultivating and gathering the Crop. Consisting of Corn. Wheat. Oats Sweet potatoes. peas. pumpkins and Sorgum Also to put in two white hands. and allow the undersigned freedmen and White hands

one fourth part of the above-mentioned articles. The undersigned freedmen agree to continue to labor in a dutiful manner and do

all things necessary about the premises to preserve and gather the Crop with as much economy as possible.

H. L. Ellis of the first part agrees to furnish the party of the Second part, with food, Clothing, houses medical attendance and fuel, also to feed the Stock

Signed in presence of.

William Grant.

H L Ellis.

Gilbert x his mark

Jesse x his mark Ruben x his mark

Edmund x his mark.

State of Alabama } Agreement made
Lowndes County } June 7th 1865 between
H. L. Ellis of the first part and the undersigned freedmen of the Second part.

The party of the first part agrees to furnish Liggie and her little dau[illegible] Bella with food, Clothing, house & medical attendance and fuel.

Liggie of the Second part, agrees to Cook two meals a day for the family. and assist in Cleaning up the house &c.

Signed in the presence of

William Grant.

H. L. Ellis.

Liggie x her mark.

Contract between W. H. Ellison and Fed a Freedman. I, W. H. Ellison do agree to feed and Clothe him and pay doctors Bill. I, W. H. Ellison do agree to give him one acre of Corn and peas

W. H Ellison.

I Fed. do agree to work at the above rates and work faithful like January next.

This June 7th 1865.

Witness } Cicero Stearns

Fed x his mark.

The State of Alabama } I Asa Edwards
Coosa County. } agree with Ned to
feed and Clothe him. until the first
day of January next and also to let
him have his patches and pay his
doctor bill for his services. this June
the 15th 1865.
Witness } C. H. Brazil Asa Edwards
Employer

I the above-named negro. do agree
to the above terms. and will on my
part abide by the Same Said Contract
Witness } C. H. Brazil.
Ned Edwards x his mark.

Memorandum of Contract for Service
by and between W. L. Evans of the one
part as proprietor. and the Freedmen
here under named of the other part as
laborers. entered into this 8th day of June
1865.
Print.— W. L. Evans, agrees to hire
for the remainder of the year and to
feed and Clothe and furnish medical
attendance to the Said laborers, and
their families. also find fuel and
house room.
The Said Freedmen agree to work as
usual and at the end of the year a
Support for a year to be taken out and
the remainder to be Sold and proper
ionally Divided with myself and
the Said laborers according to their
Class or value.
The freedmen on their part respect-
ively agree to work diligently and
faithfully. to Conduct themselves proper-
ly for the time for which they are
hired, or loss of time caused their

fourth Shall be Charged to them
at the rates in proportion to the amount
received as Compensation.
In testimony of, and approved
hereof. Said W. L. Evans hereunto
Set his hands, and the Freedmen
hereunder mentioned have hereunto Sig-
nified their assent in the presence
of S. Lowry. Who has Subscribed his
name as witness.
Names of laborers:
Steven 1st Class hand x his mark
Peter 2nd Class hand x his mark
Lidy x 2nd Class hand. Fabrinn.
3d Class hand x his mark Cyprio
3d Class hand x his mark, Elisbon
3d Class hand x his mark. Chatharine
3d Class hand x her mark, Harriet.
3d Class hand x her mark. Hannah
3d Class hand x her mark.
Witness S. Lowry Proprietors.
W. L. Evans.

The State of Alabama } Articles of agree-
Coosa County. } ment between
G. B. Ellis of the first part, and
Mary, Colored girl of the Second part
G. B. Ellis of the first part, do bind
myself to give Said girl and four
Small Children their necessary food,
Clothing and medical attendance
for their Services until Christmas.
The Said girl Mary, binds herself
to do good Service, and obey the Said
G. B. Ellis, while in his employ. Said
girl to have half of every Saturdays
June 15th 1865.
Witness } W. L. Ellis G. B. Ellis.
S. L Gregory Mary x her mark.

The State of Alabama } Agreement
Lowndes County } Made June 7/65
between F. L. Ellis of the first part.
and Octavia Freedwoman of the
Second part.

The party of the Second part agrees
to Milk the Cows twice each day,
and wash one day in the week
until the 25th of December next.
for the party of the first part. for
which Service the party of the first
part agrees to furnish food. Cabbin,
fuel and medical attendance to the
party of the Second part. She will devote
the Ballance of her time to Spinning
and making Clothes for herself.

The party of the first part also agrees to
board and Clothe Marcellus Litter
Son of the above Said Octavia for his
Services &c,

F. L. Ellis.
her
Witness } William Grant Octavia X
mark

Contract between Edmund Ethridge
and Chappell a freedman and Emi-
line a freedwoman. Made this 12th
of June 1865.

Edmund Ethridge on his part promi-
ises and will to the best of his abillity
furnish them with food. Clothing.
houses. medical attendance and
fuel until Christmas. The Chap-
pel and Emiline Solemnly
Contract that they will Stay and
work with Edmund Ethridge
until Christmas under the above Contract
We Chappell and Emiline Also
promise to work ten hours per day.
in Summer and nine in Winter
Signed and Sealed in presence of

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E. B. Annis. Edmond Ethredge
Chappell x his mark
Emiline x her mark.
We testify that the above Cross marks were made by Chappell and Emiline they being unable to write
Witness W. E. Annis
W. E. Annis.
Butler Co. June 12th 1865.

The State of Alabama } Agreement
Coosa County. } between J. B. Ellis of the first part and Jack and Madison of the Second part.
J. B. B. Ellis of the first part. do promise to give unto the said men Jack and Madison all the Clothing necessary for them to have, food medical attendance, houses, and also one field of Corn, four acres more or less. The said men bind themselves to labor at anything to advance the farm interest.
Said men bind themselves to obey the said J. B. Ellis of the first part. So long as they are in his Employ.
The above men bind themselves to labor until Christmas. If any time be lost on the part of Jack and Madison of the Second part. unnecessarily, it Shall be deducted out of their part of Corn
They are to have half of every Saturday
June. 16th 1865.
Witnesses. J. B. Ellis
W. E. Ellis. Jack x his mark
S. D. Gregory. Madison x his mark

The State of Alabama } This Contract
Pike County } entered into this June 30th 1865
day between John Evelen of the first part. and the following named Colored persons of the Second part. to wit Adolphus for himself, his wife, and four Children. Phillis about forty five or fifty years old. Solomon. Easter and Kate. the three last being between the ages of ten and fifteen years.
Witnesseth: That in Consideration of food. Clothing, fuel, houses. and Medical attendance. to be paid for and furnished by the said party of the first part. The said parties of the ~~said parties of the~~ Second part. agree to faithfully perform labor for the said party of the Second part. as they have heretofore been performing for him. and that they will Conform to all the rules and regulations prescribed by the Freedmen's Bureau, for the government of Freedmen.
Witness our hands. and Seals this 30th day of June 1865.

John Evelen
Adolphus x his mark
Witness } Geo. Moore.

Contract between Sarah Ellison. and Angaline. and Nelson. Colored.
Sarah Ellison of the first agree to give Angaline and Nelson. their Victuals and Clothes for their Services also furnish them medical attendance.
We Angaline and Nelson agree Sarah Ellison. to work for said Sarah Ellison until the first of January next. at the above rates. and work faithfully
Jan. the 5th 1865
Witness } W. E. Ellison
Angelina x her mark
Nelson x his mark

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This agreement between Andrew Erwin of the town of La Fayette and County of Chambers and State of Alabama of the first part and the following named Colored persons formerly his Slaves (except Jordan who has lived with him and other members of his family all their lives except Henry Camp who was given to Mrs Erwin by her father some twenty-two years ago, and has lived with her ever since. Witnesseth: that whereas we have always been well fed and Clothed, and furnished with Comfortable quarters, and well attended to and cared for by the said Erwin and family at all times, and particularly in cases of Sickness, and have never been subjected to any unkind or cruel treatment by them, and are well and Comfortably situated and well provided for where we are now: we prefer remaining with them for the balance of this year, rather than be Separated and running the risk of finding what might seem to be more profitable employment with Strangers that we know nothing of. We therefore hereby agree of our own free will to remain with and perform such labor as has heretofore been required of us by the said Erwin and family for the balance of this year 1865 without any other Charge against them than the privilige of remaining in our present Comfortable quarters, and being fed and Clothed by them as heretofore, and well attended to and cared for in case of Sickness, without any Charge against us for doctor bills and medicine.

The said Erwin on his part also agrees to perform his part of the Contract in good faith. An additional inducement with us to make this Contract with the said Erwin is that at the same time (March, 1865) that he brought us out from Bedford County Mississippi to Alabama, he brought out also with us some 85 other Colored persons, all of whom except two were between 30 – 40 years of age, and one old man over 60 years of age, have lived with us a number of years, are more or less related to us, one woman and Children, they were hired out for the present year, for the sake of getting them in Comfortable quarters, and where they would be well cared for, and all kept together, to W. William B Shields of Dallas County Alabama and the said Erwin has promised us if he can get any aid from the government in the way of transportation, that he will try to get us all together, next fall or winter, and have us taken back to Tennessee. Those of the Colored people that Came with us, and were hired to W. Shields, were necessitated for their Clothes and Clothes, for the sake of keeping them together in Comfortable quarters.

In testimony where of we have hereunto Set our hands to Duplicate agreement of the said time and date

July 17th 1865. A. Erwin.

Names of Colored laborers:

Henry Camp × his mark. Coop × his mark.
Liggie × her mark Gilbert × Jordan ×
Nancy × Winney × Hagly × Chaney ×

Witnesses { Samuel Spencer.
James E Carborough.

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The State of Alabama } Know all men
Coosa Co. Dec 15th 1865 } by these presents.
That I. A. B Elliott of the one part
and Alfred peerman. and Leydia,
Betty, and Hannah freedwomen
of the other part. have this day and date
entered into the following Contract
or agreement. Namely; I the Said A.B
Elliott agree to Clothe, furnish rations.
fuel and pay the Doctors bill of the freed
persons above-named, and pay them
as follows: Namely; one fifth of the Crop of
Corn, fodder, peas. Sweet potatoes.
(except a Small part for early using.)
Millet, Cotton, Rice rye, oats and (8)
bushels of wheat, together with a Sow
and ~~fifteen~~ five (5) pigs. I further agree to furnish
the child Daughter Hannie and Child
Caroline 12 yrs. of age. Ella 8 yrs of age. (having
their Services if I wish them and three
Small Children.

The Said Alfred. Lydia, Betty and
Hannah of the other part. agree to
work faithfully 10 hours a day in Sum-
mer, and nine hours a day in Winter
afternoon of Saturday excepted unless
the Crop should require Special attention
in which case they are to work longer
and Sunday to be excepted at any
work which the Said A. B Elliott may
wish to have done on his plantation
or elsewhere All lost time to be de-
ducted from Sickness or otherwise.

Witnesses } A. N. Calloway — A. B. Elliott
} Dyer Calloway — Alfred x his mark
Lydia x her mark
Betty x her mark
Hannah x her mark.

Agreement and Contract made and en-
tered into this day between E. S. Ells-
worth and freedmen by the names
of George. Herbert, Wilkes Herbert. Jacob.
Payne. Peter Hartley and Flora Phil-
lips. Witnesseth; That Said freed persons
agree hire and bind themselves to work
for the Said Ellsworth until the twenty-
Second (22) day of December next 1865.
as follows: Namely; George. Herbert Ja-
cob. Payne and Peter Hartley at rate of
ten dollars per month and Flora Phillips
at rate of four dollars per. month. all to be
furnished with a Sufficiency of Com-
fortable Clothing, food, house room. fuel.
and medical attendance. They to be obe-
dient, respectful and faithfull.

The Said Ellsworth agrees to provide
and furnish all the above named freed
persons without Charge or Compensation
other than their Services as Stated. all
necessary Comfortable Clothing. food.
house. room. fuel and medical attend-
ance. to treat them with kind ness
and humanity. reserving to himself the
right and priviliye of discharging
any one. or all of them at any time
for disobedience, impudence or un-
faithfulness in the performance of the
duties assigned them.

In testimony Whereof we have hereunto
affixed our names. this 22 nd day of June
1865. at Summit Station on Alabama
& Florida railroad State of Alabama.

Witnesses } John Keston — E. S. Ellsworth
} J. F. Baldwin. — George x his mark Herbert
Jacob x his mark Payne
Peter x his mark Hartley.
Flora x her mark Phillips

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Agreement and Contract made and Entered into at Greenville, Butler Co. State of Alabama this twenty-third day of June. 1865. between E. S. Ellsworth and freedman by the name of Joe Ellsworth Sixteen years old, and freedwoman, one by the name of Amanda Thomas about forty-three years of age and another by the name of Penny Booker about Sixteen years old. Witnesseth: That the Said Joe Ellsworth, Amanda Thomas and Penny Booker agree to live with and remain in the family of the Said E. S. Ellsworth. until the first day of January next, without pay or any other Compensation other than being furnished with a Sufficiency of Comfortable Clothing, food, house-room. fuel and medical attendance. and to be obedient respectful and faithful as in times past. The Said E. S. Ellsworth on his part agrees to provide and furnish the above freed persons, without Charge or Compensation other than their Services as Stated, all necessary Clothing, food, house-room, fuel and medical attendance, to treat them with Kindness and humanity. reserving to himself the right and privilege of discharging and sending away from his home any one or all of them. at any time for impudence or unfaithfulness in the performance of the duties assigned them.

In testimony where of we have hereunto affixed our names in presence of

Witnesses } S. McCook
} D. C Ellsworth,

E. S. Ellsworth.
Joe his + mark Ellsworth
Amanda X Thomas
Penny X Booker

Agreement and Contract made and Entered at Greenville Butler County State of Ala. this twelveth day of June 1865. between E. S. Ellsworth and freedman named Albert about thirty-five years of age Witnesseth: that the said Albert agrees to remain in the employment of the said Ellsworth until the first day of January next upon the following conditions, namely; To be paid by the Said Ellsworth at the rate of five dollars per month. in addition to being furnished by him with a Sufficiency of Comfortable Clothing, food, house-room, fuel and medical attendance. He the Said Albert further agrees and binds himself to be obedient, dutiful and respectful as in times past. and to loose all lost time from Sickness or other Cause where the fault is his.

The Said Ellsworth agrees to pay the Said Albert at the rate of five dollars per month, from this date, to the first day of January next. to furnish him with a Sufficiency of Comfortable Clothing, food house-room, fuel and medical attendance to treat him with Kindness and humanity. and retain him in his Employment to first of January 1866. provided, he the Said Albert faithfully performs his part of the Contract. if not, then the Said Ellsworth. Shall have the right and privilige of discharging Said Albert from his Employ, only paying him for the time he has worked.

The Said Ellsworth further agrees to give the Said Albert every Saturday afternoon and Sundays as time belonging to himself

In testimony whereof we have hereunto affixed our names in presence of us.
Witnesses J. E Bell. E. S. Ellsworth.
A Solar. Collett x his mark.

Creek Stand Macon City,
Alabama June 20th 1865.

Conditions of agreement between Jas. M. Ellison and former Servant Manuvry, for his Services as a Cook and Reny as a nurse, from June 2nd 1865. to January 1st 1866.

In addition to food, Clothing and medical attention for herself, Reny and Child John. I allow her all time to devote to her own interest, that is does not take to wash, Cook and milk for a very Small family, Which has hitherto been about five hours each day. Reny to nurse and wait about the house as She has done before. Manuvry it is to have use of loom and Wheel. When not otherwise Engayed. and every assistance given to promote her interest in my power. no time lost by Sickness will be noticed. but time willfully lost will be remembered.

James M. Ellison

This is to certify that I was asked to witness the above Contract. that in my opinion every thing was properly Explained to Manuvry and in my presence. She admitted it is to be the least She could do. and very willingly bound herself to the offer. Manuvry is about fifty years of age. Reny is Small for ten years. the Child John, is Still younger.

also Manuvry admitted that the above offer was made her as soon as the people were advised of Superintendent's order to pay negro wages and She had accepted it from the above date.

Stephen Pace.

Creek Stand Macon Co.,
Alabama June 20th 1865.

Conditions of agreement between A. E. & J. M. Ellison and Sam former Servant of J. M. Ellison for his work from June 12th to Dec. 25th 1865.

In addition to food, Clothing and medical attention. We bind ourselves to feed, Clothe and give medical attention to his two Children. Also allow Sam land, horse and every Saturday afternoon to use to his own interest. No time lost by Sickness will be deducted Signed A. E. & J. M. Ellison
By J. M. Ellison

Being well acquainted with Sam. I Certify that he is a good hand to work. but being deficient in mind he Cannot be called a good hand. Such work as Cradling. plowing, driving and Such like, he is well known not to be Competent for.

A. P. Ellison.

I most respectfully Solicit and approve of the above Contract. Sam has been under my care for a number of years. I am confident he Cannot do well among Strangers. he is attached to myself. and hoping to give him more next year. I wish to take care of him. J. M. Ellison.

This is to Certify that I Witnessed the written Contract. A. E Davis.

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Creek Stand Macon County Ala
June 20th 1865

Conditions of agreement between I. E. & I. M. Ellison and Becky former Servant of I. M. Ellison for the work from June 12th to Dec. 25th 1865.

In addition to food, Clothing and medical attendance for herself. We allow her Sufficient time to attend to her infant Child, will not Send her a great distance to work, and will have the Child taken Care of while She is at work, and allow Becky every Saturday afternoon to her own interest

Signed I. E & I. M. Ellison
By I. M. Ellison.

I certify that in my presence Becky Consented and was fully Satisfied with the above offer.

John E Davis.

Creek Stand Macon County Ala
June 20th 1865.

Conditions of agreement between I. E. & I. M. Ellison and Stephen former Servant I. M. Ellison for his work and that of his two girls Eliza and Peter from the 12th day of June to the 25th day of December 1865.

In addition to food, Clothing and medical attendance for the three we obligate ourselves to feed Clothe, and give medical attention to his three Grand Children, and give Stephen to divide as he wishes four bushels of Corn a month, time lost will be deducted. Saturday afternoon and all they can make is their's, fish use of land and Criminals.

I. E. & I. M. Ellison
By I. M. Ellison.

I certify that in my presence all gave their assent to the above Contract.

John E. Davis.

Agreement between C. R Wooten as Employer and the following laborers whose names are Signed below as farm laborers on the farm of Said C. R Wooten Mrs. Wooten agrees to furnish Said laborers with food, Clothing, house rent, fuel and Medical attendance, plow team, and plantation tools: and the laborers agree that the Said Mrs Wooten or her agent is to have Sole Control and direction of Said farm. The laborers are to work faithfully and diligently during the hours of labor as required by order from Freedmens Bureau, also to attend to, feed and take Care of the Stock, or any other necessary work about the farm on Saturday evening, on Sunday and while not Employed in Cultivating or gathering the Crop to any labor required by Employer. Each laborer will be held responsible for any loss of tools, Stock of any kind on the plantation lost, killed or destroyed by their neglect or Carelessness, to be paid for at the market price of tools, or Stock. No visiting allowed on the farm during hours of labor.

If any laborer neglects or refuses to perform the work or is absent during the regular hours of labor. They Shall each be Charged with time lost or Compelled to leave the plantation without pay. No laborers will be Charged with time lost in Sickness.

Mrs. Woolen further agrees upon the gathering of the Crop. after pilling the two largest Cribs (in the south lot and the Jenny with Shipps Shelta Corn. to give the laborers the one half of the ballance of Corn grown this year. and also one half of the Crop of peas and potatoes raised on the farm this year. The laborers agrees and accepts the above terms and to labor until the first of January 1866.

Anthony, Chloe, Wash, Frances, William, Abby, Edmd. Mose, Tom, Dick Mary. Charity, and Dizrah.

C. R. Woolen.

Signed in presence of
William Jackson
S. Cheatham

June 19th 1865.

We the undersigned laborers agree to remain on the farm of Mrs. Woolen until first of January 1866. for board and Clothes Suited to the orders of Mrs Woolen in our labor and upon the rules and regulations hereinbefore Stated. Charles Higgins.

We the undersigned testify that the above named laborers authorized in our presence their mark Signed to above with in Contract

Witness { William Jackson
S. Cheatham

State of Ala. Coosa Co.

The following is a contract agreed upon between W. J Ellis of the one part and Colored laborers of the other part. Namely: That A. M. Ellis agree to give James $115) fifteen dollars per month for his Services as Shoemaker, he pay his doctor bill

and Clothing out of that. he feeds himself June 14th 1865.

W. J. Ellis.
James x his mark

Approved and Witnessed by Capt. A. S. Brown.

Creek Stand Macon Co. Alabama, June 20th 1865

Conditions of agreement between A. G. & A. M. Ellison and Abraham former Servant of James Brown for his own labor and that of his girl Linda a boy Edmund, to begin on the 12th day of June and End 25th of Dec. 1865.

In addition to food. Clothing and medical attendance for the three, We bind ourselves to pay to Abraham, (for the three,) ten bushels of Corn a month: time lost will be deducted, and time wilfully lost will be punished as prescribed in General Superintendents labor regulations.

We also allow the three to work to their own interest. Every Saturday from noon, We furnishing land and Such Animals as is on the place. We also agree to let Abraham have bacon for his wife, by renting Corn at one dollar a bushel, and bacon (or its Equivalent in beef or pork.) at fifteen cents per pound.

Signed A. G. & A. M. Ellison.
By A. M. Ellison

This is to Certify that I was asked to witness the above Contract that in my Opinion Abraham had had,

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State of Alabama }
Montgomery Co } The following is a Contract Entered into by S. B Williams of the first part and Mariah and Children of the Second part. Daniel and Lee. I. S. B. Williams of the first part. obligate myself to pay Mariah and Children. Daniel and Lee. of the Second part. two Dollars a month for their Services from and Intit January 1st 1866. also board and ~~Clothe~~ give to the Children one Suit of Clothes Each. and furnish fuel. and houses. also pay Medical bill.

I Mariah of the Second part obligate myself to do all the house business. and half of the washing and ironing. I also obligate myself to do it as it should be done in Every Sense of the word. The Clothes are to be washed perfectly Clean, and Starched and ironed nice and Smooth.

I of the Second part also obligate myself to do all the Scouring &c that is to be done about the dwelling house. I Mariah. Daniel and Lee of the Second part obligate myself to obey all orders given by the first part Cheerfully and not to give any insolence or use any insulting language to the party of the first part. Under any Circumstances. Of So, I of the Second part. obligate myself to forfeit my wages, and leave the premises immediately if ordered to do so by the party of the first part. I of the Second part also obligate myself if the Children. Daniel

and Lee. do not Suit for what the party of the first part hired them for. the party of the Second part obligates myself to take them to their father and let them remain there and return myself. If however, they Remain on the premises, and the party of the first part thinks they require Correcting. the party of the Second part obligates herself to Correct them Cheerfully every time they need it. Which is to left discretionary with the party of the first part. Sept the 19-1865

S. B. Williams
Mariah x her mark.

Witnesses } H. W. Caffey.
A. E. Caffey.

State of Alabama } According to
Covington County } general orders
from Freedmens Bureau, Montgomery Ala. The following Contract is entered into between Ellen S. Hamilton and Lucy a Colored woman. for 1866.

I Ellen S. Hamilton do agree to furnish Said Lucy and one Child with Clothing, food and medical attendance for her Services for Remainder of year 1865.

I the Said Lucy do agree to work for the Said Ellen S. Hamilton the Remainder of the year 1865. for food, Clothing and medical attendance for my self and Child.

Signed in presence of the undersigned witnesses. this 20th day of June 1865. Ellen S. Hamilton

Witnesses } F. E. Underwood. Lucy x her mark
C. L. Driskell.

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State of Alabama. }
Lowndes Co June 1865. }

Memorandum of Contract between E. P. Holcombe and the laborers herein after named and Classified for their labor and Services for the remainder of the year 1865. and up to the first of January 1866. E. P. Holcombe of the first part (Employer) agrees to furnish the land and Crop now in Cultivation, and Such land as may hereafter be placed in Cultivation on his place. for this yr. Crop with the work Stock he now has on hand, or he may See fit to get hereafter, and the tools and implements necessary to carry on the work, all of which are his. and to remain his, unless disposed of by him, he also agrees to furnish free of rent, with the use of Stock and working implements to each laborers if they desire it. One acre of Land on his farm not in Cultivation to plant for themselves the present year, in Such crops as they may wish

He further agrees to treat them humanely, and to furnish them with meat and one peck of meal per week for his part of the feeding, to Clothe them this Summer with one pair of pants, and one Shirt to each man and boy Classified, ~~of good Sheeting~~, one dress and one under dress to each woman and girl Classified of good, Strong Cotton Cloth and this Winter

to furnished to Such man and boy Classified one pair of pants, one Shirt, one Jacket, and one pair of Shoes, and to each woman and girl Classified, one dress, one under dress and one pair of Shoes.

He also agrees to furnish Comfortable houses, and necessary fuel, and to pay all necessary Medical bills, and to feed and Clothe all the Children on the place as heretofore, using Such of the Children as are not Classified, and are ~~not~~ large Enough for Such purposes as running, Carrying water and So forth as he has heretofore done, and hereby agrees that in addition to the above feeding, Clothing, Medical bills and So forth, that one fifth 1/5th of the net Crop, Saved of the Corn, peas, potatoes and Molasses Shall be divided amongst the laborers Classified.

No. one (1) receiving a full Share of the one fifth of the Crop, No. (2) two a two third 2/3d Share, and No. three (3) a one (1) third Share; Which Shares of the Crop Shall be delivered to them by the first of January next, leaving it to the following restrictions and payment.

The laborers on their part agree to work faithfully for him, the time as prescribed in Regulations, as Such work as he may desire, from now until the 1st day of January next. With the exception of one week during Christmas, the holidays, but at which time a Sufficient number of

men and boys Shall take turns
to remain on the place, to attend
to the Stock, and other business
necessary to the Safety of the Crops,
and place. Which all Assignments
Shall be made by the Said Holcombe
or his Superintendent. the la-
borers are to work not only in the
Saving of the Crop. but all other
work he may wish Concerning
Crop work. Rail-Splitting. fencing
wood cutting. hauling. building.
blacksmithing. weaving. Spinning
house work. attending to Stock
or jobs of work taken out to me
of the plantation work by him
When it is not detrimental to
the Crop now planted. of this we
leave it to the judgement of the
Employer. in fact giving him the
full Control in planning Ar-
ranging and ordering Everything
as heretofore, also in placing and
Keeping Such ones of the Classified
hands as he may desire as house
Servants. Stock minders. and
they Shall draw as Classified Share
and Share alike of the one fifth
of the Crop. We are to yield
full and implicit obedience
to his orders and directions
or Such Superintendent as he
may place in Charge. In Cases
of produced idleness of the laborers
the time is to be deducted in pro-
portion from their Share of the
Crop. and the amount thus deducted
to be divided to the parties in the Same
rules. Say four fifths 4/5a to Holcombe

and one fifth 1/5th to the laborers working
out. in Cases of Short Sickness, and
good Cause for it. no deduction to be
made, of which the said Holcombe
or his agens Shall be the Judge in
Cases when any of the laborers Shall
lay up, and from no Cause but to avoid
work or Shall absent themselves from
their work. they Shall forfeit all Claims
to Aran a part of the Crop. and Can
be Sent off at the option of the em-
ployer, and their Share of the Crop Shall
be divided as above Stated. and in Case
any one becomes refractory or unman-
agable. they Can be Sent off. and
Shall in Such Cases be debarred from
any Claim on the Crop. which part
Shall be divided as in the Cases above.
They all of the Second part. do each
and every one obligate themselves to
behave prudently and Correctly
and observe Such rules and regu-
lations. as they have heretofore observed
on the place, to take good Care of the
horse, Cat. fences and premises on
which they live. or have any thing to
do with. also not to injure. damage
or destroy any of the implements.
utensils. improvements or Stock or an
belonging to the place. and if any
damage or injury is wilfully done
by any of the laborers to their employs
or any of them, they are to pay for
damages a fair valuation from
out of their part of the Crop.
The men with wives on the place and
the men and boys on the place. without
wives. are to be divided into two
Squads one of which is to remain at

at home on Saturday and Sunday to attend to the Stock and plantation While the other has the privilege of being off. and thus alternate. the men with wives. & the place are to visit them only of Saturday evenings or Sundays. and to return Early Monday morning to their work except at other times for good and Sufficient reasons. and by permission of the employer or his agent.

Work on the plantation to Close each Saturday at one o'clock P.M. to be resumed early Monday except in Such cases as are prescribed in regulations. Where it is necessary to the Saving of a portion of the Crop or Something else that cannot be delayed without injury, then in those cases all the hands belonging to the place or Such part as the Employer may deem necessary. for the work must remain and accomplish it in cases of horse Servants. Cattle and Stock minders they must do as heretofore

The following Classification as Signed by the parties is what will govern the division of the crops of the 1/5th between the laborers.

Class No. 1.

Martha x her mark
Burch x his mark
Ned x his mark
Jake x his mark
Jenney x his mark
Frank x his mark
Frank x his Johnson mark
Jerry x his mark

Class No. 2. —

Mike x his mark
John x his mark
Mary George her mark
Charlotte x her mark
Milly x her mark
Maria x her mark
Melvicie x her mark
Brig Nancy x her mark
Andrew x his mark

Class No. 1

John x his mark
Jack x his mark
Ben x his mark
Simson x his mark

Class No. 2

Collins x his mark
Collink x his mark
Bill x his mark

Class No. 3 — Gloye x his mark Doe x his mark. Betty x her mark. Gena x her mark. Ben x his mark. Archy x his mark. Biny Mary x her mark Martha x her mark

I promise to carry out the Contract as signed above by the freedmen on my place. June 8th 1865.

E. P. Holcombe
B. Brown.
John Montgomery

We the undersigned witnessed the Contract between E.P. Holcombe and his freedmen. and witnessed their Signatures. all agreeing to it, Expressing themselves perfectly Satisfied and hence Signed the above Instrument

Witness- his
B. Brown.
mark
John Montgomery.

William Hamilton and the following negroes to wit: Miller, Frank, Lewis, Van, Rebecca, Eliza, Sarah, Nancy, Biney, Cord and Lucky Slaves of the Said Hamilton, make the Contract following, to wit:

The Said Hamilton on his part agrees to keep and employ Said negroes above named on his plantation and above his house and premises in Lowndes Co., Alabama, and to furnish them and their Children house. food, Clothing and needful medical attendance, and to Conform to the order of the Superintendent of freedmen as to the terms and amount of labor

regrinal of Said negroes; and he further agrees to give to Said negroes, one fourth of the Crop of Corn, fodder, and potatoes raised on the Said plantation of the Said Hamilton in the year 1865. Which Said fourth is to be divided among the Said negroes upon principle of Justice, having reference to their respective Capacities and abilities to labor; and the Said negroes agree upon their part to labor faithfully and industriously on the plantation and about the house and premises of the Said Hamilton, and under his direction to the end of the year 1865, the reciprocal obligation of the Contract to terminate at the end of the year 1865. Wm Hamilton.

Witness } E. E. Smith.

The State of Alabama }
Dallas County } ss

Dallas Co. June 6th 1865

This instrument of writing witnesses that I I. G. Herrman have this day Contracted with Clara a free Colored woman, formerly my property to remain with me, and work for me until the first day of January next for her food, Clothing, fuel and medicall attendance. She having one Child Sixteen months old. I am also to take Care of and provide for her Child.

H. Herrman
Clara x her mark

This is to certify, that we have Examined and questioned the the above

named Colored persons, and that She understood the above Contract.

E. E. Caren.

The State of Alabama }
Dallapoosa County } ss

A Contract between Sarah Herren, and the following named negroes: Josh and wife Jesse, wife and two Children, Mary and five Children. Sarah Herren of the first part agrees to furnish rations, Clothing, houses, fuel and Medical attendance, and the above parties of the Second part, Josh and Jesse are to have one hog each, fattened on the farm their Corn patches, and one half of the Syrrup raised of Sorgum on the plantation of the Said Herren, and the above party of the second part are to labor on the plantation of the Said Sarah Herren, on the first day of January next and are to be governed and Controled by the Said Sarah Herren, and are to labor according to the Regulations made by the Superintendent of the Freedmens Bureau of the State of Alabama.

We hereunto make our marks this 3rd July 1865.

The above Contract embraces all of the time from 25th May 1865. to the first of January 1866.

Witnesses, } Sarah Herren.
J. D. McGatt. } Josh x his mark
W. E. Smeltz. } Jesse x his mark
Mary x her mark

Hinsaw

State of Alabama } July 13th 1865
Lowndes County } I. P. S. Hinson of the
State and County aforesaid agree to give the following
named Colored people who are on my plantation
Catherine Mariah and one Child one Sixt part
of the corn raised on my place with the usual
amount of Clothing Rations houses and Medical
attendance the agree to work for me faithfully every
day Saturday afternoon and Sunday excepted
Until the 25th day of December Next all of which
is agreed to in the presents of

P. S. Hinson

Witness
Jno A Dysen
John J Daniel

June the 14. 1865

E.S. write

I the said Mrs Ester Hardwick
has hired my boy Lewis for his Vitels and his
Doctor Bill Paid Lewis his mark
Mrs Ester Hardwick
Witness Robert Dans I S Wright

E.B. Holmes

State of Alabama } June 18/th 1865
Montgomery County }
The following Contract is this day entered into between
Jerg. B. Holmes of the first part and the Negros on
his plantation of the Second part. I. that the said
Holmes agrees to furnish the Land the Stalk of
Mules and horses and all the plantation utensials
Such as plows wagons carts &c that are on hand to
plead Cloth quarter and pay all Medical bills and
give the negroes one forth of the Crop wheat one forth
the Crop of Corn and one half of the Sorghum Syrup
that may be raised on the place this year of
1865. I. Provided that the said Negros do agree and they
do hear by agree and subscribe to the following
Conditions rules and regulations for the goverment of
the plantation to which Peas and harmony of the place
That we the undersigned Negros do agree to render
good and faithful Service upon the plantation

of the said Holms for the Present year and yeald
unconditional obedience to all orders given by him
Self family or Superintendant engaged in any work
that he may desire during such times as is not
properly required in the Cultivation and gathering the
Crop and further agree to treat with due respect said
Holmes family or Superintendant not to Absent ower
selves from the plantation with out the Knowledge and
Consent of said Holms or his agent in charge Not
then without a proper Pass and to return at the Specifide
there in in failiour to Comply with any one item
of the above obligations Subject thes delinquish
to discharge and forfeit of all interest claimed
in this Contract This one forth of the corn crop one
forth of the Wheat crop and one half of the Sorghum
Syrup Shall be Equaly divided among the negros
Whose names are hear intwinclosed .. Spencer x. Iron. Bill
Stevan. Henry. Leavy. Steave. Joe Sam Rufus Wilson
Robin Ted Frank Jeff Edmond Dan Antin
Bright Jeff Bob Jennie Milly Emma
Christanna Sarah Janette Daphney Hardich
Cora Comfort Sylvester Rozetta Delia Judy
Sarah Mary Nancy Edith Susan Hannah
Willy Celey Sophie Lydia Jennie Martha
Jane Sally

Alfred
Geo Mc A Holmes
Joe x

Jerg. B. Holmes

B.W. Walker

State of Alabama } The following Contract Made
Lowndes county } and Entered into between
B.W. Walker on the one part and the Labarers on his
Plantation whose names are Signed to this Contract on
the other part to wit the said Labers agree to Cultivate
all Crops now planted on the plantation or any that
may be hereafter planted of the said B.W. Walker
during the remainder of the year 1865. the said labers
consent to be controled in the management of there
labor on the plantation by the instructions of the said

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B. W. Walker or his agent they also agree to attend strictly and closely to Every department of business that may require there services on said plantation And it is further agreed that if he She or they refuse to perform labor pointed out to them according to agreement or if not prevented by sickness shall be reported to the Superintendent and then dismisked without any compensation for their services rendered previous to dismisal and it is further agreed that Should He. She. or they lose any time by Sickess or other wise the time Lost shall be deducted from wages due them and in consideration of the above Labor the said B. W. Walker agrees to furnish food comfortable quarters clothing Medical attendance and fuel to all said Labers also agree to pay them one third 1/3 of the Corn one third of the Sweet potatoes and one third of cotton produced by there Labor on the said plantation during the present year Such of the Labers as have indigent families agree to have deducted from there share of an amount agreed to that which is consumed in support of such families during the period contracted for the share of Each Labor are at the division of the crop Shal be determined by the class to which they belong: S

Signed and Sealed in presents of these witness
Henry 41 adelade 16 Victory 6 Octavis 4 Soloman 5 2
Irene 19 Murna 3 9 Jim 19 Edmond 18. Oscar 15
Low 12 Hails 18 Estller 9 Patty 7 Milly 5 Martha 3
Jennie 1 5. mos. Wilson 4 2 years old Amy 3 9 Sarah 19
Anthon 13 Caesar 11 Freeman 9 Peter 6 Richard 4
Jackson 0 weaks. old Ingram 44 yes Charls 16 years 14
Archy 65 Perry 15 Emily 13 Isaac 10 Isham 8 B. Joe 40
Sena 36 Morellas 15 Robert 12 Lee. 2. S. Mary 5 2
Mary Joes 34 Ransom 34 L Mary 34 Wells 13 Nelson 5
Harriett 3 Mose 35 Turner 51 Tom 42 Buck 43 Head 52
Work 49 Jefferson 14 months old
There Enclosed in Crockets are two yoakes to work
Signed in the presents of these witnesses
Witness S Burton H. S Waller B. W. Walker

Lowndes County Ala
June 22nd 1865

The following articel of agreement have this day been Entered into betwene the freedemen formely belonging to J. A. White of said State and County
1st that the owner of the Plantation agent to pay the produce and profits of the now growing crop Cloth feed Shoe pay the medical bill of all including women now produsers 2nd that an day of payment such amount as shall be agreed upon betwene said Employees Labours shall be deducted from the one fourth of Each one to pay for the Clothing and Shoes medical attention furnished by Said Employer to the now produsers of the respective families. 3rd theas Labors are to board a Superintendant to direct them work in Every instance to obey his orders 4th the Labours are to be in the field work by Sunrise and stop one hour at 7 Oclk for breakfast one hour and a half for dinner a 12 o. Clk. they are to work ten (10) hours in Summer and (8) eight - in and they will be allowed under no circumstances Stop there work and roam around around in the plantation the rest of Every Every Saturday shal be at here disposal Except in case where there Services are actuly nessisary to save the crop such cases to be Judged Solely by the Superintendant
5th what a Labourer is ordered to do he is to do it Cheerful without impodence to those giving said order
6th Stock minders are to attend to there Stock at regular feed time morning, noon and night Saturdays and Sundays in Under 7th any one must get a permit from the Employer before Leaving Employers plonation
Said Contract to End on December 15 65 the portion of crop belonging to Labors shall be divided by Classification of each hands and acording to the way they work They Negros are not Allowed to own any thing on the place but hogs fowls and household furnetures each one will be charged with all lost time to be deducted from the share of Crop
French Jason Becky 8 children Jeff Celia anthony

Ellen adline 4children adalia 4 children Mitchel racil Elizabeth Nancy Eliza Rondal Sarah 4 to be found as usual for ther work Toby Betsy Bell Laura 4 Ely Mary Orin to be found as usual Hannah half a hand Joe Celey Old woman to be found Reny 2 children Eza Sam hannah Jim any Jim marcella Ray Aliven Polly 3 marya

Witnes J. H. White

W. B Hall

The State of Alabama }
Pike County.

This indenture or agreement made and entered into this 13th day of July 1865. between N. C. Napiers of the State and county aforesaid of the first part and his former servents now free persons, of the second (2d) part Joe, Fayett, Lues, Anje, Lewis, Robert, Mary and Julia ann Anseitta Nancy, Siggy, Francis and Catterine of the second part Witnesseth. The said N. C Napier herby binds himself to give to the above mentioned persons of the second part. Collectively one fifth of all the corn. fodder. cotton. riece peas Irish. sweet potatoes & sugar cane that they may make on his farm the present year & also one fifth of all the sorghum syrup that may be made. He also binds himself to furnish them with the necesary house room food. clothing. & fuel & to pay thier Doctor bill for attendance when sick In consideration of the above obligation. we of the second part bind ourselves each for himself. & herself. to labor faithfully for and under the said Napier or any person he may appoint from now. until the crops are gathered laboring ten hours each day. Saturday afternoon and sundays excepted we further more agree that time lost from sickness shal be paid for to the said Napiers out of our wages and should any of us fail willfully to carry out the instructions of the said Napier or refuse to labor they are to forfeit thier entire wages. in witnes that each and all of us voluntarily bind ourselves to the above contract we have concented to be affixed our names & made

our marks in the presence of witnesses the day and date above mentioned

Witness N. C. Napier

C. D. Herndon

H Little

The State of Alabama

Covey County ala

Agreement between Asa Little and Citizen of Covey. Co. and the following negros or persons of Colour viz about 55 or 60 years of age Fredrick about 22 years of age Mary about 20 years of age with an infant Amondy about 15 years of Joseph about 16 years of age afflicted angline about 14 year of age and Taylor about 11 years of age all of which negros formerly belong to said Little Said Asa Little agrees after pleading Clothing furnishing horses Medical attendance fred &c to said negros to give them One Seventh of every thing raised on my farm as a crop and said Asa Little farm this year 1865 Except the Wheat which willbee eatin while at work Provided said Negros remain with the said Asa Little until the present Crop is made and gathered Said Negros agree to render good and faithful Services to the said Asa Little as Labours as they have done until the present Crop is made gathered for the Seventh of the Crop as above mencld Stated and a failure of any and or all of said Negros to remain with the said Asa Little and Labour when able as usual heretofore forfits his his or their part of said Crop and Such share in the Crop reverts to the said Asa Little his Heirs or Assigns Said Asa Little Agrees to furnish his own Services as heretofore and Labour of his Son F. J Little about 24 years of age in raising the Crop As Witness of our Mutual agreement to the above we hear to set our hands this the 5th day of June A.D. 1865 In presents of J. C. Baldwin Henry Harvill Aron x Fedrick x Mary x Amond x Joseph x Angline x Taylor + There Mark

Asy Little

June 25th 1865

This is to certify that the following negros have made and agreement with R. B. Dickerson their former

master according to the following rates food Clothin
and fuel Medical attendace hous room are to be furnish
They are to Stay with Said R. B. Dickerson Till
the 25 of December A.D. 1865 They all agree to take on
Eight of my own Crop ⅓ Names Ages
Jim & Children 39 years Tom x30 Susan x40 Jim x20
Harriett x 17 Rury x 12 Willis x6 Jimmy x5 Hannar x60
Witness A Savage R. B. Dickenson
Emaline is to have $20.00 for her labor from
now till Crissmas and bord and Cloth Medical attendance
Witness A Savage Name of Employer
R. B. Dickerson

C Presley

State of Alabama
Chambers County
In pursuance of an Order
Issued by General Smith Commanding of the
military post at Montgomery ala requiering former owners
of Slaves to make Contracts with said freedmen as
declared to in said order the following contract is made
and entered into between Calvin Presly on the one part and
his former Slaves on the other part the said Calvin Presly
agrees on his part to furnish the following Named Labours
with food Clothin houses fuel and Medical attendance to
the Said Calvin Presly has Until the first day of Jan-
uary 1866 and at the expiration of said time to pay to
said Laborers the tenth part of the said C Presley present
growing crop or the tenth part of said Crop which may
remain Unconsumed in the support of said Labours and
Said Presley namely The said Presley reserving fifty
bushels of Seed Wheat the names and ages of the aforesaid
Labours included in this Contract and agreement are as
follows to wit Sam aged 67 (Infirm) Walter aged 40
Ned age 45 (infirm) Eliza age 60 diseased Rob age 30
and his wife Evaline 26 with 1 child 1 weak old. henry
age 25 with Chester 18 Jorden 16 Frank 14 Caroline 12
Maria 10 Lewis 6 and Sally 2 years old Isaac age 30
and his wife Sicky 35 with 5 Children to wit Bob 16
Ratt 14 Lucy 10 Chena 7 and Hannah 6 months old Sally
35 and four Children Jim 11 George 9 Adaline 7 & Emma 5

Rose 4 and mary 2 years old Elizabeth 21 with her 5 children
Cary age 3 & 1 year old Elizabeth 21 with her 5 children
Abram 61 (infirm) and his wife Caroline 40 diseased with
3 Children Cornelia age 9 mins 5 and Ella 2 years old
Phoeba aged 50 (invalid) and her 4 Children Allen 18 Maria
14 Miller 10 Frankes 6 years old Martha aged 18 with 2 infant
children) the above named Labours agree on there part to
Render to the said Calvin Presley faithful obedience to
all his orders wills and regulations as they have and to do
good and faithful Labour until the aforesaid first of Janry
1866 this 21st day of July (1865) Attest R. S. Presley Jas Rade
Calvin Presley

J. R. Brooks

State of Ala
Pike County
June 15th 1865
Memorandum of Contract between Jacob R Brooks of the
State and County above mentioned and the following colored
persons formerly his Slaves to wit Lish a man aged twenty
seven years the said Brooks agrees to give the said
Lish one acre of Land in Cultivation now and one hundred
pounds of pork Cloth and feede and shoe him as usual
pay his physicians bill and furnish hous room fuel
till Newyears day said Lish agrees to Labour faithfuly
in the performance of any work necesary to the advance
ment of the farm during the time specifide above
Signed Sealid and delivered) J. R. Brooks LS
In the presents of Lish his mark LS
J. S. Brooks
C. McCloundey

J. R. Brooks

State of Ala
Pike County
June 15th 1865
Memorandum of Contract between Jacob R Brooks
of the State and County above mentioned and the following
Colord persons his Slaves formerly to wit Minerva a
woman aged thirty five years the said Brooks agrees
to give the said Minerva hous Clothin and Mesary bed Clothin
Shoe Medical attendance Incading house and fead and
other fruledges as usual Said Minerva agrees to labor
faithfaly in the performence of any work necesary to
the family farm advancement during the time specifide

(above) Signed and sealed and Delivred in the presents of
J T Brooks & McDonald

J R Brooks (L S)
Minerva hyr
mark (L S)

C Howard | State of Alabama }
Lowndes County } June 11th 1865

Agreement made and entered into between Calvin howard of the first part and Peater freede man Sarah his Wife freede woman of James freed man his Wife Harriet freede women and there 3 Children Cary and freed man Tom freed man Duncon freede man Sis freede man Cresy his wife Jeans Pink henry freede men women of the second part as follows viz the party of the first part agrees agrees with the parties of the second part to furnish food Clothing necisary Medical at attendance in time Sickness a home to Live in one acker of Land Each for them to Cultivate for their exclusive use and benefit The party of the second part Conveans and agrees to work As Labours ten hours perday Summer and Nine hours per day in winter faithfully at any work required by the party of the first part and continue in his Servis until the first day of June 1866 The party of the first part agrees to pay the party of the second part as follows = Viz = Peter 10 dollars per month Sarah 2 dolls permonth James 10 dolars permonth and Harriet 8 dollors permonth Judy 10 dollars permonth Tom 10 dollars permonth Duncan 8 dollars per month Sis 10 permonth Cresy 3 dollars per month John 2 dollar Pink 2 dollar permonth Henry 10 dollars per month in produse at its maket value in this neighborhood at the Cloperation of their terms of Servises The parties of the Second part further agree that all time lost by Sickness or otherwis not cause by the party of the first shall be deducted from their wages

Witness R. H. Lee — Calvin H howard

J. L. Miles | Sex miles West of Haynesville June 26th 1865

articals of agreement between John L. Miles and certain Freed men Named as follows Jack and his wife Nancy their Sone Sam formerly

The proffertz of Steven Carotte we the said freed men do agree this day to work for said John L Miles from now until the first day of January 1866 for our Vitels and Clothing and Dautter Bill Paid hous and fud I John L Miles do agree to furnish said persons as above named good Rations good Clothin and medical attendance if at any time in the present year they should need any I also agree to furnish them a good hous and a plenty of wood

John L Miles

witness
John H hicks
T. A. Miles

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6 Howard

State of Allabama } June th 1865
Lowndes County }

Agreement entered into between Howard of the first part and the following named freede women and Children Viz Mary Viny Charley Clark Abe Emiline Caroline & grandison Allice ages as follows to wit The party of the first part agrees with the parties of the second part to furnish food Neciseary Clothin Medical attendance in Sickness Houses for them to live in one half of a acre of Land each for them to cultivate for there exclusive use and benefit the party of the second part convenes and agrees to work as labourers faithfuly Nine hours perday day in Somer and Eight hours per day in winter at any work requered of them by the Party of the first part and continue in his servis until the first day of January (1866) the party of the first part agrees to pay to the party of second part as follows Viz Mary four dollors per month and bord her children Chany three dollors and bord her children Clarey 3 dollors and bord her children Abe 4 dollors Emaline 3 dollors Caroline 2 dollors Vine 4 dollors The Others are considered and not worth there board wages to be paid in produse at the expiration of there term of servis Viz January 1866 at Cregboorhood but if the parties of the second part or either of them shal leave the servises of the party of the first part or fale to labour faithfuly before the expiration of there term of servis they or any of them so failing to do shall forfit

all Compensation or wadges dew them and they each and
Every one the labours of the second part do agree that all
Time lost by Sickness or otherwise not Cosed by the party
Shall be deducted from there wadges Calvin Howard
Mary Viney Chany Emaline Clara Abe Caroline
witnes David. Lee .. Abe

The State of alabama
W.H. Moore Coosa County
I William H Moore of Said County do agree to pay David
a freedman five Dallors permonth and his food Clothin
medical attendance fuel hous room for his Services or
Labour on my plantation this year present year & also
agree to give Polley and hes Children and Sackey hes
Children and Little Bob 3 years old there food Clothing
medical attendance fuel hous for there Labour on my
plantation this present year June 1st 1865 W.H. Moore
we the above named negros do agree to the above stated
Terms and will abide by Said Contract) June 1st 1865
witness } David x his mark Polley x hes mark
O. J Sears) Sackey hes x mark

The State of allabama } I Crawford
Coosa County } Dawns of Said
County do agree to give Eliza a Negro woomen and hes
three Children towit Bill Edey and Allec their food
Clothin medical attendance hous room fuel for there
labour on my plantation this present year witness
my hand this the 1st August 1865
Witness }
W. G. Delong } Crawford his X mark Dawns

I the above named negros Eliza Knight do agree to the
above named terms and bind my Self and my
Said Named Children to abide by Said Contract
Witnes my hand this the 1st day of August 1865
Witness }
W G Delong } Eliza her X mark Knight

Approved
C. O. Sturgeon. Lt. 14. Wis. Vet. Inft. Pol pass paid 1865

J. A. Grant

The State of Alabama }
Coosa County } I John A. Grant of said County do agree to give Tamas golson a free Colard man aged about Sixty years his food Clothin medical attendance fuel house room &c for his Labour on my plantation this present year witness my hand this the first August 1865

Witness } J. A. Grant
W. G. Delony }

I the above named Thomas golson a freed man of Color as a person do agree to the above named terms and bind my self to abide by said Contract witness my hand This the first day of august 1865

witness } Thomas his X mark Golson
W. G Delony }
approved C. C. Sturgeon. Lt. 14. Wis. Vet. Sqft. Vol

J Beasley

This agreement Entered into between Joseph Beasley of first part and Ben Chloe Hannah Lusinda Ellen Alenda Peter William winston Jane Frank and alice of the Second part Witnesseth that the plantation when on all of said parties reside is to be carried on for the present year as usual under the Superintendant of the party of the first part that all persons and Stock of every description on said plantation are to be fed and of what provisions are made or may be made until the 1st day of January 1866 on said plantation That the party of the first part is to have the services of all those of the second part until the 1st day of January 1866 That the party of the first part is to provide Clothes and such medical attendance as may be necessary for the parties of the second part and indemnifies himself therefore out of the portion of the Crop hereafter assined to the parties of the second part That on the first day of January 1866 the party of the first part is to have set Aside for his use Ten Bushels of Corn & 1500 Lbs of fodder Ten bushels of field peas five bushels ground peas seventy five bushels of potatoes and 1600 pounds of Slaughtered Pork out of the Corn fodder peas Ground peas potatoes and pork made and raised on the plantation during

The present year That the of the second part are to have have for their use all the Compoder peas potatoes and Slaughtered pork made and and raised on the plantation during the present year over and above the quantities herein before set aside for the use of the party of the 1st part In Testimony where of we have here unto set our hands this 16 June 1865 Witnesses to Signatures and marks R.F. Relfe E I Sanderson jr) J. Beasley Ben-Chloe x Lucinda x Hannah x Ellen x Melinda, William x Peter x Winston x Jane x Hannah for her two Children Frank & Mace) Approved

C.O. Sturgeon
Lt. 14. wis. Vet. Inft. Brd.

D.W. Coffes Montgomery County Ala

Sept 13th 1865

This is to Certify that I have this day imployed Alfred a man & Sabben a woman Alfred wife which they both do agree to labor for D.W. Coffes faithfully one month and do agree to abide by the Regulations of the freedemens bureau Labour faithfully ten hours in Each day of the week Except Saturday after noon and they do agree from Saturday after 12 oClock until Monday morning to give there attention to the Stock if required of them and I Dan Coffes do agree to pay alfred and Selles 6 & 0 Six dollars fifty Cents Each which makes 13 dollars per both of them I do agree to feed them and if necessary pay all doctor bills in case of Sickness furnish hoes and fuel

Witness I Elsicryl A H x his Anderson mark
D. W. x his Coffes mark

Pike County Alabama June 16 = 1865.

I the Under Signed Allen formerly Slave of W.T. Owens do hereby agree to hire My Self to him for (10) ten bushels of Corn or its equals in money the remainder of this year Said W.T. Owens is to treat me well and to feed and Cloth me and furnish and pay all doctor bills when necessary W.T. Owens }
Witnesses J.B. Boyken J.J. Owens }

W.T. Owens

State of Alabama }
Sumpter County } An Agreement entered into
between Joseph James and his for
mer Slaves, in this day the 20th of July 1865. redu
ced to writing and witnessed.

Joseph James on the
first part obligates himself to find, clothe, furnish
houses, fuel & pay their medical bills for the
present year in compensation for their labor.
And the above former Slaves on the other
part, whose names are annexed obligate them
selves to labor faithfully for the said Joseph
James, and do any & all kinds of work he puts
them at for the present year for their victuals,
clothes, house room, fuel & medical bills, said
when Surgeons are called by the said Joseph James

Joseph James.

Anthony [X]
Aud [X]
Sidney [X]
Mary [X]
Mariah [X]
Lizzie [X]
Anna [X]

Mary
Lock
Darkus
Calvin
Henry
Rufus
Martha

Witness
A. K. Ryan
Jas F. Moore

State of Alabama Autauga County June 1st 65
The following Named Negros formerly owned by me but
now free have kindly agreed to work for me in any
Capasicity in the way of cultivating my Crop for ⅓rd
of which they agree in these presents of witnesses to divide
Equally among themselves I L. F. Ford also agree
to feed cloth and pay doctors bills if necesary the
above mentioned Negros are as follows Thomas a man
of about forty years of age William a man of about
twenty three years of age Harry a man of about forty
forty one years of age Lucy a woman about fifty
years of age to this I agree L. F. Ford Witness
Thom is also a woman on my place B. F. Bonnell
Who was formerly owned by myself G. W. Ivens

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Who up to the present decided on leaving the but has now concluded to remain if the terms we we have now are consistent with the laws She has seven children under the age of eleven which I agree to feed and clothe her self and Children for her services and give them medical attention when sick Some of her Childre are incompitent of doing any duty } Witnes
L. F. Ezell
B. F. Bruce
G. W. Frye

R. H. Short

Montgomery Alabama
October 5th 1866.

Know all men by these presents that we Abraham Short and Caroline Short do agree to work for R. H. Short on his plan tation in Macon County Alabama. until the 1st January 1867 and promise to do faithful work and obey the manager in all his instruc tions, and in case the said Abraham & Caroline do as they promised. I agree to give them two (2) suits of clothing each. promised them to furnish food medicine & Medical attendance also agree to pay their expences from here to Tuskegee, which will be about ten (10) Dollars.

R. H. Short.

Abram Short
and his wife Caroline his × mark

Phillis Fitzpatrick

Articles of agreement entered into between Phillis Fitzpatrick of the first part and Moses Fitzpatrick Riley Fitzpatrick. Pat Duncan. Danny Duncan. Patty Duncan. Reuben Duncan. Linda Duncan. Charles Duncan. Virgil Duncan. Cafe Fitzpatrick. Judy Duncan, Williams Duncan. Marcus Duncan. Francis Duncan Judy Duncan. Susan Ann Duncan.

Ulick Duncan, Frank Duncan. Ulick Duncan Jr. Ulick Fitzpatrick. Mary Fitzpatrick. Ellen Fitzpatrick. Emma Fitzpatrick & Ellen Duncan. Anne Fitzpatrick Duncan and ~~Gabriel Duggan~~ Dunn. laborers of the second part Witnesseth. that the parties of the second part for the consideration hereinafter expressed agree to. and bind themselves to work and labor industriously and diligently for the party of the first part. on his plantation and to do and perform such other labor as he may direct and to obey all proper orders he may give. This Contract is to. last until the present growing crop is all gathered and housed.

For and in consideration of the labor and services of the party of the second part. the party of the first part agrees and binds himself to give to the party of the second part one third of the growing crop of corn produced on the plantation. when the same shall have been gathering after deducting from the said crop one thousand bushels thereof. the same being for the rent of the plantation. one third of the peas. and one third of the Irish potatoes after the same shall have been gathered. raised on the said plantation. the party of the first part also binds himself to furnish to the party of the second part food. quarters. clothing. fuel and medical attendance as he has heretofore done

It is further understood & agreed between the parties hereto that for any time lost by any of the parties of the second part on account of sickness or idleness they for the same shall be directly from their share of the crop pertaining to the party of the first part. this done & signed on the 20th day of September 1865. after having been carefully read over to the parties of the second part. Witness their marks. they being unable to write.

Phillip Fitzpatrick

List of Rooms & Tenants at Stanwall Hospital
Oct: 1866.

Ward Room.	Name of Occupant	Remarks
1	J. Jarrett	Paid in full
2	" " "	" " "
3	J. E. Smith	$1.00 due
4	" " "	
5	Tucker	Paid in full
6	Sarah Robinson	2.00 due
7		
8		
9		
10	Violet	Paid in full
11	Sarah Ellis	Paid in full
12	Lewis Holloway	$3.00 due
13	Ann Conway	Paid in full
14	Levi Holloway	$1.00 due
15	Mehulda French	$2.00 due
16	Mary Courtney	$2.00 due
17	Joel Hunter	Paid in full
18	Dick Edwards	2.50 due
19	Richard Scott	Paid in full
20	Geo. Garrett	" " "
21	Geo Sheets	" " "
22	Geo. Sheets	" " "
23	John Evans	" " "

List of Rooms & Tenants at Stevens Hospital

Number of Room	Name of Tenants	Date of Lease	Amount Paid	Amount Unpaid
1.	T. J. Allsop	Oct 31st	Five dollars	
2.	" "	" "	" "	
3.	J. E. Keith	Nov 1st	$2.50	
4.	" "	" "	" "	
5.	Tucker	Oct 31st	Five dollars	
6.	Harriett Robinson	" "	Three "	$2 Paid in full Two dollars
111.	Violet	" "	Five dollars	
11.	Sarah Ellis	" "	" "	
12.	Dave Hallowell	" "	Two "	Three "
13.	Anne Conway	" "	Five "	
15.	Levi Holloway	" "	Four "	One dollar
16.	Mehul da Gerrish	" "	Three "	Two "
17.	Mary Courtney	" "	Two "	Three " Paid
18.	Jos Whitley	" "	Five dollars	Paid (illegible) 17
19.	Dick Edwards	" "	$2,50	$2,50
211.	Richard Scott	" "	Five dollars	
21.	" "	" "	" 2.50 "	
22.	George Gaunt	" "	" "	
23.	George Shelby	" "	" "	
24.	" "	" "	" "	
25.	John Grant	" "	" "	

Money Expended Oct 22nd for Room & Rent $1,00
Money Expended Oct 22nd for Board Coal &c $1,25

List of Rooms and Tenants at Stonewall Hotel

Numbers of Rooms	Names of Tenants	Date of Lease	Amount Paid	Amount Unpaid
1.	T. J. Hesler	Nov 30th 1866	$5.00	
2.	" " "	" " "	" "	
3.	J. E. Kirk	" " "	" "	
4.	" " "			
5.	Anderson Ellsbury	Nov 30th 1866	$25.00	
6.	Harriell Robinson	Nov 30th 1866.	$5.00	
7.				
8.				
9.	Isaac Ellis	Nov 30th 1866.	$5.00	Due $5.00
10.				
11.				
12.				
13.				
14.				
15.	Lieutenant Governor			
16.				
17.	Harry Courtney	Nov 30th	Two Dollars	Three Dollars
18.				
19.				
20.	Read Means	Nov 30th 1866	Two Dollars	
21.	" "	" " "	Two Dollars	Due 5-5-9
22.	John Grant	Nov 30th 1866.	" "	
23.	Geo Shelby	" " "	Two Fifty	Paid Due $5.00.
24.	" "	" " "	Five Dollars	
25.	Accounted for to the Disbursing Officer			
	Sub Dist of Ala By Inole Herndon			
	Officer in charge being absent,			
	Receipted for			
	By Edwin Bucher			

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Record of Applicants for unpaid Bounties

	Names of Applicant	Rank	Company	Regiment.
1	Peter Stapleton	Privt.	"I."	137 N.S.V.I.
2	Charles Johnson	Sergt.	"B."	" " " " "
3	Jeremiah Goodwin	"	"D."	" " " " "
4	Winston Wood	Pvt.	"H."	" " " " "
5	Andrew Hall.	Privt.	"D."	" " " " "
6	Epaminondas Stynes	"	"	" " " " "
7	Cazy Shilby	"	"G."	" " " " "
8.	John Taylor	"	"H."	" " " " "
9	Lunn Johnson	"	"D"	" " " " "
10	Jacob Shilby	"	"G."	" " " " "
11.	Frederick Shilby	Corpl.	"G."	" " " " "
12.	Hezill Ricks	Privt.	"D"	" " " " "
13.	Samuel Andrews	"	"F"	" " " " "
14.	Charles Woodhall.	"	"B."	" " " " "
15.	William McKinney	"	"I"	" " " " "
16	Irving Powell,	"	"F."	" " " " "
17.	John Carter	"	"I"	" " " " "
18	William Hill	"	"F."	" " " " "
19.	William Watson	"	"B."	" " " " "
20	Andrew May	Sergt.	"G."	" " " " "
21.	Wm Garrett	Privt.	"D"	" " " " "
22.	George Shilby	"	"G."	" " " " "

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Galveston Texas.
January 3rd 1867

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State of Alabama Sounder County
Articles of Agreement between C. C. McCall
Administrator & H McDermone on the one
part and the following named negroe Laborers
on the other
1st It is Administrator agreed to give to the
laborers hereafter named one fourth (1/4) of the
Crop grown on the place this year; also to fur-
nish the laborers food clothing Lumber medical
attendence & fuel according to the custom of the
country heretofore; he furnishes the laborers Stock
and implements necary for carrying on the
work on the plantation. The time during which
this contract is to be in force until the 25th day
of December next. He also agree to furnish
for the said laborers until the 26th day of December
next as much land as they can cultivate on
Saturday evenings for their own use and
benifit together with use of such Stock and
tools as belong to or may belong to the place.
2d The laborers agree on their part to work
faithfully and diligently for ten hours per
day during Summer and nine hours du-
ring winter in cultivating and saving
the present growing crop and any work
besides that the Administrator may designate
They are to be respectfull in their department
and obedient to orders and if at any time
they or any of them abandon the work their
share of such in the crop is forfeited to the
Administrator Time lost by sickness or una-
voidable accident to be accounted for in the
final distribution. The laborers are to divide
their own one fourth part between each other
according as they are or as they work as 1st
Class 2d Class and 3d Class hands. If the
laborers cannot agree among themselves as
to the classification of each one they will
call in Two white men competent Judges

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and if they cannot agree they will call in a third who will decide the classification of the laborers, the judgement of these umpires to be final and conclusive. The following are the laborers ~~&c~~ whose named by their own act they have authorized to be signed to this contract Viz.

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Harry his X mark
Henry his X mark
Wesley his X mark
Martha her X mark
Nancy Bell her X mark
Sidney Bell his X mark
Cain his X mark
Ben his X mark
Alford his X mark
Sidney his X mark
Sarah his X mark
Aliff his X mark
Bennetta her X mark
Adoline her X mark
Will his X mark
Anderson his X mark
Billy his X mark
Mary her X mark
Hannah her X mark

Witnessed
Lewis E Kirkland
C. R. McCall

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this the 12th of June 1865
H. C. McCall
Admnistratrix

State of Alabama Macon County
Be it known to all whom it may concern that in obedience to the military Order for labor regulation ~~issued on the 25th of May 1865 and dated at Montgomery~~ in said State by the Military Authority of the United States issued on the 25th of May 1865 and dated at Montgomery. That I have caused to be brought to gether before the Revd J. S. B. Glenn and Mr. D. Chandler Witnesses to this proposition and agreement on the 12th of June 1865 here with submitted the colored portion of my former family namely Betty about 68 years old and Jerry (a man (badly ruptured) about 49 years old and Harriet a woman about 48 year old and Wade a man about 38 years old also (badly ruptured) and Albert a man about 32 years old now to the foregoing named persons the undersigned proposes to give the one eighth interest of all the corn fodder peas potatoes and millet that may be raised on the plantation this present year and as much other land to tend for themselves as they wish to tend at such times as they are not employed in my service under the Military order refered to above the said interest to be paid on or before the 1st day of January 1866. Now the above proposition this made is upon this condition That you in the presence of these Witnesses sign this contract and that you continue to under me on my plantation and at the Mill (should I start my Saw mill) such service faithfully and daily performed as your ability may justify according to the order for Labor Regulations for the State afore said issued 25th May 1865 and that you continue in said service until the first day of January next. Signed and sealed this 12 day of June 1865.
Jinie X her mark Wade X his Mark Albert X his Mark Betty X her Mark Harriet X her Mark
W. N. Peary
State of Alabama Macon County
We the undersigned Witnesses to the forgoing contract do hereby certify that we were present at the making and closing the forgoing contract between Mr. W. N. Peary and colored persons therein named and that we heard the order and contract read to said colored persons and by said colored persons agreed

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to and signed this 10th June 1865.
W. N. Sears } John D. & Glenn } Witnesses
Proprietor } D. L. Chandler }

This is an agreement made between F. S. Ashley and the following named negroes. Viz Alick Susinda Moses Easter Sarah Anthany Dick Gracie Martha Bill Sol George Catharine John Bob Caroline.
On my part promise to clothe (provision already furnished) Medical attendence when actually necessary houses and fuel one third of the crop of Corn peas hay fodder and potatoes. They on your part are to work ten hours a day in summer and nine in winter Splitting hauling wood or any other work that is required on the plantation when not engaged in saving the crop. all later lost will be deducted out of your wages. Your time to expire the first of January 1866 Each of the parties agreeing to be governed by the Labor Regulations of the Freedmans Bureau. I Jerry x his mark Alick his Mark Susinda x her mark Moses x his mark Easter x her mark Sarah x her mark Anthany x his mark Dick x his mark Gracie x her mark Martha x her Mark Bill x his Mark Sol x his Mark George x his Mark Catharine x her mark John x his Mark Bob. x his mark Caroline x her mark
Witness F. S. Ashley
Robert Beatty
July 3d 1865

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Montgomery June 6th 1865

This is is certify that I have hired George and his wife for the balance of this year in payment whereof I will give to George and his wife with six children their food clothing and Medical attendance.

Isaac Vincent

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Witnesses
J. Jerry
L. Berry

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Montgomery June 6 1865

This is to certify that I have hired Larkin Henry, Jack, Eli, to work for me the balance of this year in payment whereof I will give the above named Colored and their families their food clothing and Medical attendence

Witnesses Isaac Vincent
J. Jerry
L. Berry

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Montgomery June 6 1865

This is to certify that I have hired Geo. to work for me the balance of this year in payment whereof I will give him ten dollars per month his food clothes and medical attendence

Witnesses James Corbit
J. Jerry p/d Isaac Vincent
L. Berry

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Alabama Coosa County June 8th 1865

This memorandum of agreement made an entered into between the undersigned and following named servants witnessed that Dinah a woman 60 years old and Charlot a woman 34 she also has two children one 7 and the other 4 and pregnant at this time Permelia a girl 16 she is also pregnant Jerry a boy 14 Amanda a girl 12 They refuse to leave when offered the privilage and wish to remain where they are I agree to clothe support and take care of them until Christmas I bind myself to comply as above stated in witness whereof I set my hand and assign my name

P. D. Lett

In presence of W. G. Ellis

The State of Alabama Bundes County
This agreement made and entered into this day between Perry Watson of the first part and the following named colored freedpersons Jim a man about 36 years old and his wife about twenty four years old Harriet a woman forty four years old and four a man Twenty six year old of the second part witnesseth that the said second part do agree and promise to serve the said Perry Watson of the first part from this day until the 25th day of December next to be subject to his orders and management in respects as has been here to fore for which reason said Watson of the first part agreed to deliver to said parties a divided between said parties of the present growing crop on the said Watson farm including Corn fodder Peas to be delivered to them as it is gathered and to feed and clothe said parties as here to fore and furnish all necessary medical aid for the term specified Jim x his mark Biddy x her mark Harriet x her mark Tom x his mark.

Perry Watson

Signed and sealed in the presence of D. J. Dunphy

The State of Alabama Bundes County June 1865

I A. J. Warren of the afore said State and County do agree to give to the following colored persons on my place Artis, Randol, Julia and her four children the one sixth of all the corn made on my place this year (1865) and the usual amount of clothing rations houses and medical attendance for which they do agree to work for me every day except Saturdays after noon and Sundays until the 25th of December next which is all agreed to before witness

Witness
D. J. Dunphy

A. J. Warren

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The State of Alabama Macon County
Memorandum of agreement entered into this 3d day of June 1865 between the following named freedmen to wit. Willis 40 years of age and his wife Manda 23 years old and their children Sofa 7 years old, Margaret 4 years old. Milly 70 years old Elsey 48 years old and her son Patrick 21 years old Moses 32 years of age and his wife Easter 27 and their children Richard 2 years old Isam infant Isaac 55 years old and his wife Sarah 50 years old Lucretia 48 years old and her children Georgeanna 11 years old a Rose 8 years old Mana 6 years old Easter 28 years old Becca 22 years old and her son Anderson 4 years old Caleb 75 years old Cinty 45 years old Anna 19 years old and Noah 15 years old parties of the first part and John G Judkins of the second part

1st The said parties of the first part agree to labor on the said plantation of the said John G Judkins until the first day of January 1866 and they further agree to labor Ten hours in every day between day light and dark in summer and nine hours in winter except the afternoon of Saturdays and the whole of Sundays

3d The said John G Judkins party of the second part agrees to furnish food clothing house Medicil attendance and fuel to the said parties of the first part and he the said John G Judkins further agrees to pay to said parties one fifth of all the Corn Peas Potatoes fodder now growing on his said plantation

4th And the said John G Judkins party of the second part further agrees that all the Crops and property on his said plantation shall be held to be covered by a lien against all other creditors to the extent of the wages due said parties of the first part

For the freedman Isaac x his mark

Witness
E. D. N. Whorter
Samuel Brank

John L Judkins

Montgomery Ala. June 6. 65

I have agreed with Daniel in behalf of himself and his wife Charlotte to furnish said Daniel with a hack and pair of mules and to feed the mules for him to run about the city of Montgomery and I am to give him one fourt of the proceeds of said business and to furnish himself and wife food clothing medical attendence and house room for and in consideration of the said service of said Daniel as hack driver and said Charlotte as house servant and nurse. This agreement to continue till the 1st of January 1866 unless sooner terminated by the mutial consent of both parties

Witness
A. D. Witherspoon

W. H. L. Price
Daniel X his mark

Montgomery Ala June 6th 1865

I have agreed with George to furnish him with food clothing medical attendance and house room and $10.00 per month. for and in consideration of his service in my store. This agreement to continue until the first of January unless sooner terminated by the mutual consent of both parties.

Witness
A. D. Witherspoon

George X his Mark
W. H. L. Price

State of Alabama Montgomery County

The following is a contract entered into between D. S. Williams of the first part and Talbott and Noah of the second. D. S. Williams of the first part agree to pay the above named boys for the ballance of the year two Dollars and fifty cents per month their board and one suit of clothes each and their medical bill for their services on my plantation also furnish fuel and houses. Talbott and Noah are to be obedient and obey orders and not leave my premises without my permission and with a pass. June 14th 65

Talbott X his Mark Noah X his Mark.

Witness
D. S. Lunsford.
Thos. Printing

D. S. Williams

Articles of agreement made and entered into on the first day of June 1865 between W. M. Calvert of the first part and Susan Milner and Jack Milner each on their individual account of the second part. Witnesseth that the said parties of the second part agree to labor diligently and faithfully for the said party of the first part and act according to his direction from the date hereof until the first day of September 1865. For and in consideration of such service the said party of the first agree to furnish to the said party of the second part necessary food medical attendence clothing fuel and house room and in addition thereto to pay each one 3 Dollars per month in current funds. Payment of the money wages to be made as follows One half on the first day of July and August the remaining half to be retained until the first day of September as security for the faithful performance of this Contract. It is stipulated and agreed that if either of said parties of the second part shall fail to work diligently and faithfully or to act according to the directions of the said party of the first part he or she shall be discharged and shall forfeit half the money wages due to date of said discharge. It is also agreed that if either of the parties of the second part abandon their work without the consent of the said party of the first part he or she

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shall forfeit the entire money wages due
to date of said abandonment. In witness where
84 of we have hereunto set our hands and Seals
Susan (Milton) her Mark
Witness Jack Milton his Mark
W. J. Silvus H. M. Caldwell
Alabama Coosa County
This memorandum of agreement made and
entered into between the undersigned and
the following named servants witnesseth that
85 Robert a man 26 years refuses to leave when
offered the privilege and wishes to remain
where he is for his victuals and clothes I agree
to take care of him until Christmas and
bind my self to comply as above stated and
assign my name
Witness D. C. Pitts Lucinda Jackson
State of Alabama Lowndes County
June 13th 1865
I Levy Day of the State and County
aforesaid do agree under the Military
order now enforced at Montgomery Ala. to
give the following named colored persons
Abram and three minor Children their usual
amount of clothing and rations and medical
attention. and he agrees to work faithfully
89 every day Saturday evenings and Sundays
excepted unless necessarily compelled to work
until the 30th day of December next also to
be respectfull and polite to me and fam-
ily and obey all orders from me respecting
my family All of which is agreed to in
the presence of the following named witnesses.
Abram x his mark Samuel Johnson
Lut x his mark E. Mogan Witnesses
Wat x his mark
Willis x his mark

90 State of Alabama Autauga County
Articles of agreement made this the 12th day
of June between Geo. A. Dogan Proprietor of the
first part and Joe Smith Freedman of the second
part as follows to wit: The said Joe Smith
Freedman for and in consideration hereunder men-
tioned do promise the said Geo. Dogan Proprietor
to labor and serve faithfully and diligently until
Christmas next to the interest of my boss as
Miller and perform whatsoever other work he
may order or direct or forfeit my pay. And in
consideration of the promises and of the labors to
be performed by said Joe Smith aforesaid the
said Geo. Dogan does agree with the aforesaid
Joe Smith to find and provide him with the
usual ~~amount of~~ food house room medical
attendence clothing and one third of bread-
stuff made by Mill and one acreage hog raised
in farm And I the undersigned Joe Smith
Freedman do petition that I be allowed to re-
main with Geo. Dogan he being my choice
and the terms offered being the best that I can
get. In witness whereof we have hereunto set
our hands and Seals date the day and year
above mentioned. Joe Smith x his mark
Witnesses Geo. A. Dogan
Anna Reddick
~~Jno. Reddick~~

State of Alabama Lowndes County
June 9th 1865
I William Miller under the military order
now enforced at Montgomery Ala. do agree
to give to the following named colored people
Sam and Wife Hannah and four small children
two acres of corn one twelvth of the potatoe crop
and one twelvth of the Rice crop and the usual
amount of provisions and clothing and medical at-
tendence Maria a pregnant woman with
two small children 1/2 acre of corn and the

usual amount of Provisions clothing and medical attention Kid a woman with one leg 1/2 acre of corn and a proportion and share of the potatoe crop and rice crop and the usual amount of provisions and clothing and medical attention Mima a cripple girl the usual amount of provisions clothing &c.

95 They agree to work faithfully every day Saturday afternoon and Sundays excepted until the 25th day of December next they also agree to be respectful, polite to me and my family and obey all orders from me respecting my family theirs and the plantation All of which is agreed to in the presence of the following named Witnesses

Witnesses
Geo. F. Miller
Samuel Johnson

William Miller
Sam age 30 x his mark
Hannah " 24 x her mark
Mark " 34 x his mark
Kit " 40 x his mark
Mima " 15 x her mark

State of Alabama Lowndes County

Contract entered into and this day agreed upon between Lewis E Kirkland on the one part and the following named negro laborers on the other part whose signatures or marks are hereunto affixed.

1st The said Lewis E Kirkland on his part agrees to furnish the said laborers food clothing medical attendance houses and fuel in consideration of their services

2d The said laborers on their part agree to work for and faithfully serve the said Lewis E Kirkland either as plantation hands or otherwise as he may direct until the first day of January 1866 and conform to such proper rules and regulations as are have heretofore been accustomed while in his employ Witness our signatures or marks this

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10th day of June 1865 Juba x his mark Jane x her mark Ann x her mark Johnson x his mark Liddy x her mark Dick x his mark Harriet x his mark Sarah x her mark Raleigh x his mark Thomas x his mark

Witnesses
W. E. Kirkland
E. Alexander Jr.

Lewis E Kirkland

106 I have this day agreed to employ the man Croucher for the purpose of carrying on the Blacksmithing on the following terms to Wit I am to furnish a Striker the Shop and tools he is to furnish himself and work observing the hours and regulations of laborers and is to divide the profits equally books are to be kept by Pettle and to be open to inspection by interested parties or their respective agents and if agreeable to parties concerned will ratify the same under rules and regulations adopted. Deposited 12th June 1865

P. Pettle

Witnesses
F. M. Gilmer
J. F. Johnson
Jno. A. Cumming

Alabama Talladega County June 12th 1865

108 Agreement between Sol Dodson and Henry and Caroline that agree to work for me for their victuals and clothes and shoes and ten bushels of Corn and one hundred pounds of pork until Christmas

Witness
D. F. Worrell
C. D. Shackelford

Sol Dodson

The State of Alabama Talladega County Know all men by these presents that I R. N. Brooks of the said County and State have this day entered into an agreement with the following named colored freed persons to Wit Steady a woman about thirty years of age and Alfred a boy about 19 years of age and

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four other children under 8 years of age which persons I agree to feed and clothe for their labor I also agree to furnish them fuel pay their Doctors bill and other expenses said persons agree to work with me until the 25th day of December next after which time if not agreed upon they will be at liberty to go where they think proper Signed in the presence of these witnesses June the 14th 1865
Mealy x her mark Alford x his mark
Witness P. A. Brookin
G. B. Adamson
Jno. G. Adamson

The State of Alabama Tallapoosa County
Know all men by these presents that I John G. Adamson of the State and County have entered this day into an agreement with the following named freed persons to wit: Easter a woman about Sixty years of age Fannie a woman about thirty years of age and her six children under ten 10 years old and Hanna a woman about 20 years and her child 18 months old and Peter a boy sixteen years of age and Sylvia a girl about eight years of age and Charley a boy 9 years old which persons I agree to furnish with clothing and food for their labor I also agree to furnish them with wood and fuel and pay their Doctors bill and other expenses which freed persons do agree to remain with me until the 25th day of December after which time if not further agreed upon said persons will be at liberty to go where they think proper signed in the presence of us this June the 13th 1865 Easter x her mark Fanna x her mark Hanna x her mark Peter x his mark
John G. Adamson
G. B. Adamson
C. T. Weed

The State of Alabama Autauga County
June 21st 1865
This indenture made and entered into on this the 21st day of June 1865 between Samuel P. Smith of the County and State aforesaid of the first part and Talby a Land servant of the second part of the same County and State, witnesseth that the ~~first and~~ said parties of the first and second parts have stipulated and agreed as follows to wit, The said party of the second part agrees to serve the said party of the first part as house servant and in all the duties to which she has therefore been accustomed for and during the remainder of the present year 1865 and to obey all the lawful orders and commands of her employer touching such duties. In consideration of the promises and agreement of the said party of the second part the as above set forth the said party of the first part promises and agrees to furnish the said party of the second part with food clothes fuel and a good house to live in and medical attention when sick together with the sum of three (3) Dollars per month for and during the remainder of the present year In witness whereof the said parties of the first and second part have hereunto affixed their seals and set their hands this the days and year above written.
Witness S. P. Smith
N. S. Pratt Talby x her mark
G. B. Smith

State of Alabama Autauga County
This indenture witnesseth that the freed woman whose name is here annexed by her mark hereto belonging to John Kenit of the County and State aforesaid does hereby voluntarily bind herself from this 18th day of June 1865 as servant to serve the said John Kenit for the balance of the present year

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during all of which time to faithfully industriously serve all lawful commands obey protect and preserve the property of all kinds belonging to said John Kenik from injury or waste and shall not be absent from service without leave and in all things and at all times behave in a proper and respectfull manner for the following consideration to wit: That he said John Kenik shall furnish the said servant with food clothing house rent fuel and medical attention and to pay her fifteen 115) bushels corn 116
Should the said freedwoman leave the premises of the said John Kenik without leave or refuse to work faithfully according to the ~~above~~ stipulations of the above Contract she shall forfeit her pay and allowance according to order from Freedmans Bureau at Montgomery Ala. The parties have hereunto set their hands this the 18th day of June 1865 in the presence of the following Witness

Witness — Darbery X her Mark
Josiah Durden — John Kenik

Robinson Springs Alabama

This certifies that I have this day hired my former servant man Bill until the 25th day of December 1865 at the rates of six dollars per month I also agree to furnish him clothes provision house fuel and medical attendance. He the said Bill promising to serve me faithfully in any capacity according to the best of his ability 117
Witness — A. W. DeBardeleben

R. K. DeBardeleben

State of Alabama Autauga County
This indenture witnesseth that the freedman whose name is here annexed by his mark heretofore the property of John Kenik of the County and State aforesaid does hereby voluntarily bind himself from this the 18th day of June 1865 as servant to serve the said John Kenik

for the balance of the year during all of which time to faithfully honestly and industriously serve all lawful commands obey protect and preserve the property of all kinds belonging to the said John Kenik from injury or waste and shall not be absent from service without leave and in all things and at all times behave in a proper and respectfull manner for the following consideration to wit: That the said John Kenik shall furnish the said servant with food clothing house fuel and medical attention and to pay him six 16 dollars per Month payable in Corn or stock Hogs &c if the said John Kenik shall have them to spare if not to be paid in money 119
Should the said freedman leave the premises of the said John Kenik without leave or refuse to work faithfully according to the stipulations of the above Contract he shall forfeit his pay and allowance according to the general order issued at Montgomery 25th May 1865 & the parties have hereunto set their hands this 18th day of June 1865 In the presence of the following Witness

D. Durden — Jim X his mark
John Kenik

Articles of agreement between G. W. Shackelford of the first part and Henry a negro man about twenty two years of age said Shackelford agrees to pay Henry six dollars per month until the first of January from June 1st Harriet a woman with four children the eldest about eight years old said Harriet agrees to work for her rations clothing house room fuel and medical attention for herself and children until first of January next the said negroes bind themselves to do any and all sorts of work directed by my self Shackelford or agent and upon the failure upon their part to do good work by refusing or

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neglecting or frequent idleness said Shackelford has a right to discharge them from his employment and also make them leave his premises without pay and also to make them pay him for all lost time & the above named negroes are to have such medical attendence as I have hire to fore given them also clothes as usual.

Witness
W. Shackelford

Henry x his mark
Harriet x her mark
C. W. Shackelford

The State of Alabama Butler County
We the undersigned laborers (Freedmen and Women) this day enter into the following contract with Mr. Tobin Adams to Wit: The said Tobin Adams on his part agree to provide food clothing medical attendence house and fuel to each and all and extra to Jubeter 20 bushels of corn 150 lbs pork and his patchers We the laborers on our part agree to work faithfully and obey all proper orders of the said Tobin Adams or any one he may employ to attend to his business In witness we this day make our mark to our names and seals this 24th day of June 1865 We the undersigned witnesses to the above contract certify that we were present when said contract was made and said agreement signed. That said freedmen and women willingly entered into said contract and made their marks to their names

Witness
W. M. Garrett
M. D. Davis

Jubiter x his Mark
Dydy x her Mark
Rachel x her Mark
Tobin Adams

State of Alabama Autauga County
This indenture witnesseth that the freedmen whose names are annexed heretofore belonging to John Kemit of the County and State aforesaid being unwilling to break up and remove at this period of the year (a number of whom being unable to maintain themselves without aid) do voluntarily and of their own free will and accord bind themselves and their children from this the 18th day of June 1865 as servants to serve the said John Kemit for the balance of the present year during all of which time to faithfully honestly and industriously serve all lawful Commands they protect and preserve the goods and property of all kinds of the said John Kemit from injury or waste and shall not be absent from service without leave and in all things and at all times behave as faithfull servants should do for the following consideration to wit: That the said John Kemit shall furnish the said servants with food clothing houses Medical attention and fuel
Witness that the parties have hereunto set their hands this 18th day of June 1865 Black Jude x her mark Lindy Hamp Truman and Dicy her children all between the ages of 1 year and ten Charlotte x her mark Harriet Andrew, Reno, Jessie her children between the age of 1 year and 9 Dove x her mark her child William 5 mos old Yellow Jude x her mark her children Wallace, Mike, Chanty, Esther and Simon between 1 year and 13 Nancy x her mark sixty five years old
Witness D. Durden
Jno. B. Pinegatow

John Kemit

The State of Alabama Butler County
We Jeremiah Chestnut and C. W. Brown of the afore said State and County do hereby certify that the following was on this 12th day of June 1865 entered into between D. S. Ferguson and the following named negroes to wit: Herrod aged about 43 years and Penny aged about 40 years both of said State and County to wit:

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The said D. J. Ferguson obliges himself to furnish the above named negroes with food clothing and medical attention and the said Ferguson further agrees to give the said negroes about four acres of Corn thereon three including some patches of potatoes Sugar cane &c and said Ferguson further agrees to give them one day in each week Said produce payable when the crop is all gathered or at the end of the year 1865 and the said negroes obligate themselves to labor according to the directions of said Ferguson said obligation and agreement is made for the balance of the year 1865 And is also made in accordance with the orders of Thos. W. Conway Genl Superintendent of Freedmen and approved by Maj. Genl A. J. Smith on the 30th day of May 1865

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Witness — Nehemiah Thurmond
G. W. D. Brown
N. G. Dorman

State of Alabama Lowndes County
This certifies that I have this day hired Bob and wife Mariah and three children until the 31st day of December I agree to give said laborers $25.00 for the above period & also agree to furnish clothing House Fuel Food and medical attendance The said Bob and Mariah promise to serve me faithfully in any capacity to the best of their ability June 30th 1865 Bob x his mark
Witness Mariah x her mark
J. Bowman — Jr. J. Thomas

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The State of Alabama Montgomery County
Nicy agrees for her two daughters to labor for Edwin Dorden owner of plantation for board and clothing medical attention house room and fuel until the first of January 1866 Nicy x her mark — Edwin Dorden

Witness — June 30th 1865
William Kerr
N. G. Shark

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The State of Alabama Montgomery County
June 30th 1865
We the undersigned subscribers agree to labor faithfully and discharge our duty for Edwin Dorden owner of plantation until the first of January 1866 Sesor x his mark
Witness — Nancy x her mark
William Kerr — Easel x her mark
N. G. Shark — Nicy x her mark

The State of Alabama Lowndes County
The following contract was this day entered into between J. D. Morrison of said County and State and his former slaves the undersigned laborers (Freedmen and women) It is agreed upon the part of said J. D. Morrison in consideration of the said freedmen and women from the 26th day of May 1865 until the 1st day of January 1866 that he will feed clothe provide Medical attendance houses and fuel for said laborers during said period and also that he will make the same provision for four helpless children now residing on the plantation of said J. D. Morrison the laborers on their part agree to work faithfully and to obey all proper orders of said J. D. Morrison or any Superintendent that he may employ to attend to his business this 30th day of June 1865 — J. D. Morrison
Signed in the presence of Dolly x her mark
Isaac x his mark James x his mark Henry x his mark Sallie x her mark Ada x her mark Julia x her mark Nicie x her mark And 16 acres of corn more or less and this patched We the undersigned witnesses to the above contract between J. D. Morrison and his former slaves (now freedmen) whose names are annexed to said contract hereby certify that we were present when said agreement was made

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and said contract signed that said Freedmen willingly agreed to the terms expressed in said Contract and made their marks to their name

W. M. Garett
M. P. Davis

State of Alabama Pike County
In accordance with orders issued at Montgomery Ala. on the 26th day of May 1865 it is agreed between Seaborn Skinner a citizen of the County and State aforesaid upon the one part and Harison a freedman on the other upon the part that he the said Seaborn Skinner does agree to give Harison the proceeds of two (2) acres of land now in high state of cultivation also to clothe feed and give him all necessary medical attention for the unexpired portion of the present year and the said Harison does agree to do faithfully labor and all that he can for the interest of the said Seaborn Skinner his employer. In witness of which agreement we have hereunto set our hand and seal this the 1st day of June 1865

Witness
Albert Galloway

Harris x his mark
Seaborn Skinner

State of Alabama Butler County
It is hereby agreed by Henry Smith and the following named freedmen and women on the plantation of said Henry Smith Viz Banyam 50 years old with 5 children in family Viz 35 years old Jack 33 years old Rachel 32 years old with four children three of which are unable for labor Jane 28 years old with three children all unable for labor Bob 24 years old blind and lame Clem 20 deformed George 17 years old Lon 14 years old Dick Eighty years old unsound Jno Sam & Hart

the said freedmen and women with children are to remain and to continue to work on the plantation of said Smith in cultivating and raising the crops and other ordinary work on the premises under the direction and controle of said Smith for ten hours per day in summer and nine hours per day in Winter except half of each Saturday and the whole of each Sunday on which day and a half they are not compelled to work except in cases of necessity about the crop in feeding and attending to the ~~Stock~~ Stock for which services said Smith binds himself to give said freedmen and women their food and clothing in a substantial manner and to give them house room full and perfect medical attention and to give them five (5) acres of land now planted in corn and ere to plant in potatoes and to furnish stock and farming utensils to work and gather the crop which is to be divided between them according to their labor. In witness whereof we set our hands and seal this the 8th day of June 1866 This contract is to continue until the 25th day of December 1865

Henry Smith

Dick x his mark Banyam x her mark Joe x his mark
Jack x his mark Rachel x her mark Jane x her mark
Clump x his mark George x his mark.

Thos Shepheard
Aron Jacker

We the above named do certify that this is with their own freewill and accord that the above freedmen and women make this contract

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The State of Alabama Butler County
Be it remembered that on the 15th day of June 1865 Jacob S. Womack of said County on the one part and the following named Freedmen (former slaves of said J.S. Womack) on the other part to wit: Harry (aged 40 years) Abram (42) Charles 35 Squire (35) Susan (34) Rhimeah (34) Edmund (27) Willis (27) Henry (23) Joe (21) Emily (19) Laura (13) Charlotte (7) Mary (7) Wiley (5) Harrison (6) and Frank (3) entered into the following contract to wit: For and in consideration of the above named freedmen from the 25th May 1865 to the 25th December 1865 the said Jacob S Womack agrees to provide food clothing medical attendence fuel and houses for said laborers during said period he also agrees to make the same provisions for the following helpless negroes the families and relatives of said laborers to wit: Joe (aged 67 years) Susan (62) Betty (60) Sally (60) Martin (48) Ellen (13) and the children Anthony Lucy Louisa Cicily Priscilla Harriet and Willie he also agrees to give them fifteen acres of land for cultivation for their own use he also agrees to give them one third of the Sorgum molassis one third of the potatoes and one third of the peas that may be made and gathered on the plantation during the present year. The said laborers on their part agree to work faithfully to obey all orders to perform every thing that is required of them by said Womack or his wife or any superintendent employed by him.

J. S. Womack
Harry x his mark
Abram x his mark Charles x his mark
Squire x his mark Susan x her mark
Rhimeah x his mark Edmund x his mark
Willis x his mark Henry x his mark Joe x his mark Emily x her mark Charles x his mark Mary x her mark Wiley x his mark Harrison x his mark Frank x his mark Laura x her mark

We the undersigned witness certify that the above contract was made by Jacob Womack and the freedmen whose names are signed thereunto on this the 25th day of June 1865.

Witness
W. H. Crenshaw
G. P. Corbett

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The State of Alabama Dale County
We the undersigned freedmen do obligate ourselves to work and obey orders of S. F. Hill in former manner until the 25th of December next for which services S. F. Hill does obligate himself to furnish us food clothes house rent and medical attendance and fuel

Ben x his mark Antany x his mark

Witness
G. W. Miller
Albert Gibson x his mark
Turner x his mark
Gallen x his mark

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The State of Alabama Coffee County
It is agreed between Turner Bowdon of the first part and Ralph a freedman aged about sixty, Sely a freedwoman aged about fifty, Ann a freedwoman aged about seventeen who has an infant six months old, Dan a freeboy fourteen years of age, John a freeboy about seven years, and Jim a freeboy about four years of age) all children of Ralph and Sely except the infant child of Ann) of the second part. That the party of the first part is to clothe feed shoe and pay for all medical attendence house room wood and fuel as above mentioned in consideration of their services during the year 1865 June 15th 1865. Ralph x his mark Sely x her mark Ann x her mark

Witness } William H. Taylor
George x his mark Mathews

Turner Bowdon

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Contract made and concluded the 12th day of June 1865 between Elizabeth Ann Cook of the County of Covington and State of Alabama of the first part Sely 47 years old for herself and child Anna formaly slave belonging to the estate of Wm B. Cook of the second part the said party of the second part covenant and agree to and with the said party of the first part to perform such labor until the 25th day of December next as the said Elizabeth A. Cook may require of her according to the requisition of the law and the said party of the first part covenants and agree to furnish good clothing and plenty of bread meat &c. three times a day and house room and pay their tax. furnish medical attendance and give them half of every Saturday and for the true and faithfull performance of all which covenant and agreements above mentioned the parties of these presents bind themselves each unto the other in witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written. Signed in the presence of us.

Witnesses } James Harper — Selia x her mark
William Harper — Anna x her mark

Elizabeth A. Cook

The State of Alabama Butler County

It is agreed by and between R. J. Dudley and Malissa freedwoman with her two small children who promise and agree to work with the said R. J. Dudley what she can two hands per day in summer and nine hands per day in winter to be under the control and direction of said Dudley who promises to give her and children their food and clothing she to continue until the first of January also the said Dudley agrees to give house wood and medical attention in sickness In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals in the

presence of
Witnesses } John D. Myers — R. J. Dudley
Sarah A. Reber — Malissa X her mark

The State of Alabama Butler County

Be it remembered that on the 12th day of June 1865 Walter H. Crenshaw of said County on the one part and the following named freedmen former slaves of said Crenshaw on the thee part to wit: Harrison (aged 56 years) Harriet (50) Moses (49) Elijah (38) Harriet (38) Mary (37) Maria (37) B. Jeny (37) Jim (36) Tom (35) S. Jerry (33) Harriet (31) Morris (25) Stephen (24) B. Caroline (22) Phebe (20) Adeline (20) Pet (18) L. Harrison (16) L. Jack (16) L. Tamar (16) Henrietta (15) and B. Jack (14) entered into the following contract to wit: for and in consideration of the labor of the above mentioned freedmen from the 25th of May 1865 to the 25th December 1865 the said Walter H. Crenshaw agree to provide food clothing medical attention fuel and houses for said laborers during said period he also agree to make the same provisions for the following helpless negroes the families and relatives of said laborers to wit: Charity (aged 72 years) Tony (63) Tamar (61) Incritia (27) L. Caroline (20) and the children Abram Ann. Fanny, Ben. Harry, Nelson, Charity Charles Sealis, Henry, Ella, Emma, Shadrack, Joseph, William and Noland and for the better cultivation of certain lots of land which he has heretofore assigned to said laborers for their own use he agrees not to require of them any labor in the plantation on Saturday of each week except in case of emergency. The said laborers on their part agree to work faithfully obey all orders and perform every thing that is required of them by said Crenshaw or his wife or any superintendant he may employ. Harrison his mark, Hamlet his mark, Moses his mark, Elijah his mark, Harriet her mark, Mary her mark, Maria her mark, B. Jeny his mark, Jim his mark, Tom his mark, S. Jerry his mark, Harriet her mark, Morris his mark, Stephen his mark, B. Caroline her mark, Phebe her mark, Adeline her mark, Pet her mark, L. Harrison his mark, L. Jack his mark, L. Tamar his mark, Henrietta her mark, B. Jack his mark

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We the undersigned witnesses hereby certify that the above contract was made by Walter H Brackin and the freedmen whose names are signed thereto on the 13th day of June 1865
Witnesses} C. R Herbert
J. B. Womack

The State of Alabama Lowndes County June 16th 1865
The undersigned has this day entered into the following contract and agreement with the freedmen on the plantation known as C. L. Parnell situated in Braggs Beat in said County to wit:
I agree with Rose, Mary, and Sely, to clothe feed furnish house room fuel, medicine and medical attention for their services for this year. The said freedmen to remain on the plantation and work as they have hitherto done and to work under my direction and obey my orders. Rose x her mark Mary x her mark Sely x her mark. C. L. Parnell
This is to certify that the above contract and agreement was this day entered into between C. L. Parnell and the freedmen on his plantation after he having explained it to them in our presence the relative position of each party one to the other and to the Government. June 16th 1865.
Waigate Doggan
J. W. Gramling

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State of Alabama Lowndes County
June 13th 1865
The undersigned has this day entried into the following contract and agreement with the freedmen on the plantation known as Violet Duckie situated in Braggs precinct in said County to wit: I agree with Kelly and Jane and three children to clothe feed furnish house room fuel medicine and medical attention together with certain pieces of land to cultivate for themselves which has already been marked out for them and which they are to cultivate with my stock for their services this year. The said freedmen and children to remain on the plantation and work as they have hitherto done and to work under my directions and obey my orders.
Kelly x her mark Jane x her mark. Violet Duckie
This is to certify that the above contract and agreement was this day entered into between Violet Duckie and the freedmen on her plantation after she having explained it to them in our presence the relative position of each party one to the other and to the Government. June 13th 1865.
S. W. Till
John Till Jr.

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State of Alabama Dike County June 1st 1865
In accordance with Genl Orders issued at Montgomery Ala. on the 25th day of May 1865 it is agreed between Seaborn Skinner a citizen of the County and State aforesaid upon the part and Chance a free man of color upon the other part that the said Seaborn Skinner do agree to give Chance the proceeds of one and a half (1½) acres of land now in high state of cultivation also to clothe feed and give all necessary medical attention for the unexpired portion of the present year. And the said Chance do agree to do faithfully labor and all that he can for the interest of said Seaborn Skinner his employer. In witness of which agreement we have hereunto set our hand and seal this the 1st day of June 1865.
Witnessed} E. Galloway
Chance
Seaborn Skinner
Philip x his mark

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The State of Alabama Lowndes County
The following contract was this day entered into between E. J. Ernest of said County and her former slaves the undersigned laborers (freedmen) It is agreed upon the part of E. J. Ernest in consideration of the labor of said freedmen from the 25th day of May 1865 until the 1st day of January 1866 that she will feed clothe provide houses fuel and medical attendace to all and

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extra pay to Hill 30 bushels of Corn and to Abner 10 bushels and their patches for said period The laborers on their part agree to work faithfully and to obey all proper orders of said M. J. Ernest or any superintendant that she may employ to attend to her business.
This 19th day of June 1865 M. J. Ernest
signed in the presence of Hilley x his mark
Abner x his mark
Mary + four children x their mark
Hannah + three children x their mark

State of Alabama Butler County
Article of agreement entered into this 8th day of June A.D. 1865 between Mathew Bishop of the first part and George and Ester Bishop his wife and Isham and Dilly, Francis and Georgia and Henry their children and also Edmund and Betsy Bishop his wife and Joseph their child of the second part witnesseth that Mathew Bishop of the first part has this day hired the above named free persons of color of the second part, for furnishing them the above named free persons of color provisions clothing and medical attention in sickness, and to furnish the above named free persons of color with comfortable houses to live in while in his employment, and the said free persons of color agree to do all such work as is usually required done in and about a house and farm and in case the said free persons of color above named fail to comply with their undertaking and refuse to do their ordinary work about the house or farm then the said Mathew Bishop will be at liberty to turn off the above named free persons of color and make report of the facts to the freedmans agent at Greenville Ala. George x his mark Bishop Ester x her mark Bishop Edmund x his mark Bishop Betsy x her mark Bishop
Witnesses { J. R. McPinden, J. H. Smith } Mathew Bishop

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Contract made and concluded this the 15th day of June 1865 by and between W.m G. Williams of Covington County Alabama of the first part and Rose and Jane and Daniel of the second part. W.m G. Williams of the first part does agree to give the said Rose and Jane and Daniel of the second part their victuals and clothes and medical attention and shoes and the Rose Jane and Daniel agree to work with me the said W.m G. Williams until the first day of January A. D. 1866 for their victuals and clothes and shoes and medical attention The said Rose is about 60 years old Jane 19 years old Daniel 18 years old. In witness whereof the parties have hereunto set their hand and seals this June 15th A. D. 1865
Witnesses { Jessie Bryan, John Meritt, Wiley A. Mimms }
Williams
Rose x her mark
Jane x her mark
Daniel x his mark

The State of Alabama Lowndes County
The following contract was this day entered into between James L. Davis of said County and his former slaves the undersigned laborers (freedmen and women) It is agreed upon the part of said James L. Davis in consideration of the labor of said freedmen and women from the 25th day of May 1865 until the 1st day of January 1866 that he will feed clothe and provide medical attendance house fuel and (300) three hundred bushels of corn and their patches for said laborers for said period. The laborers on their part agree to work faithfully and to obey all proper orders of said James L. Davis or any superintendant that he may employ to attend to his business. This 19th day of June 1865
Signed in the presence of Harry and family x. Ellison and family x. Alfred and family x. Alexander Ransom x. Robert x. Vincinda x.
Jas L. Davis
The undersigned witnessed to the above contract between James L. Davis and his former slaves (men

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freedmen) whose names are annexed to said contract hereby certify that we were present when said agreement was made and said contract signed. That said freedmen willingly agreed to the terms expressed in said contract and made their marks to their names

A. D. Morrison
A. G. Morrison

State of Alabama Pike County
June 1st 1865

In accordance with Genl Order issued at Montgomery Ala. on the 25th day of May 1865 it is agreed between Seaborn Skinner a citizen of the County and State aforesaid upon one part and Bassel a freeman of color his wife Viney and three (3) children viz. Maria Jack and Harris upon the other part that he the said Seaborn Skinner doe agree to give Bassel and family the proceeds of two (2) acres of land now in a high state of cultivation also to clothe feed and give all necessary medical attention for the unexpired portion of the present year. And the said Bassel and family do agree to do faithfully labor and all they can for the interest of said Seaborn Skinner their employer. In witness of which agreement we have hereunto set our hands and seals this the first day of June A. D. 1865

Witnessed } C. Galloway
Chance

Seaborn Skinner
Bassel x his mark

The State of Alabama Butler County
It is hereby agreed by Mrs E. A. Darby and the following named freedwomen and boy said boy being twelve years of age Sokly and Charles to work in the plantation of said Mrs E. A. Darby in cultivating and raising the crops and other ordinary work on the premises under the direction and control of the said Mrs. E. A. Darby for ten hours a day in summer and nine hours

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day in winter except one half of each Saturday and the whole of each Sunday on which day and half day they are not compelled to work except in case of necessity about the crops in feeding and attending to the stock for which service the said Mrs. E. A. Darby binds herself to feed and clothe and furnish proper medical attention and furnish house room and fuel and to furnish the stock and farming utensils to gether the crop and give said freedwoman one pork hog and means to fatten the same, said Mrs. Darby agrees to furnish the above named freedboy his food clothing medical attention &c for his services as above stated and nothing more and the said freedwoman and boy binds themselves in consideration of the above agreement to remain with the aforesaid Mrs. E. A. Darby until the twenty fifth day of December given under my hand and seal this June the 10th A. D. 1865

Witnesses } S. R. Otts
Joe Bennett

Ann E Darby
Sophy x her mark
Charles x his mark

The State of Alabama Autauga County
This instrument of writing witnesseth that I James T. DeJarnett do promise and agree to employ the undersigned freedmen to work in my plantation until the 25th day of December A. D. 1865 for the following wages to be paid to them viz one pair of shoes two suits of clothes provisions fuel medical bill fifty (50) bushels of corn and twenty (20) gallons of Sorghum Syrup to be divided among them as follows to Caleb and family eighteen (18) bushels of corn and five (5) gallons of Syrup. To Nancy eighteen (18) bushels corn and ten (10) Gallons Syrup to Dan fourteen bushels of corn and five (5) Gallons Syrup to be paid to them as follows one half when the crop is gathered and the other half on the 25th day of December 1865. Said freedmen binding themselves to labor diligently on said plantation and to take good care of all farming utensils and stock of every description on said plantation.

James T. DeJarnett

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Caleb 45 years old x his mark. Becky 40 years old and 6 children under 10 years x her mark, Dan 41 years old x his mark, Nancy 34 years old x her mark.
This is to certify that we have witnessed the execution of the above contract by the above named parties that being informed of the contents thereoff they signed the same voluntarily this day June 14th 1865
J. D. DeJarnett
A. M. DeJarnett

State of Alabama Dowdee County June 1st 1865
This is an agreement made and acknowledged between myself and Holloway Jones. Caleb Holloway and the colored persons on my plantation I D. H. Jones agree and obligate myself to give one fourth of the crop made on the place this year to the following named persons Holloway Jones aged 19 Caleb Holloway 13, Colored persons Bill 32. Ira 35. Elvira 13. In consideration of which they obligate themselves to do ten hours good and faithfull work every day when able and obey all orders consistent with their duties as hired persons I also have one woman and six children Ann 33 years of age Betty 11, Julia 8, Billy 6 Ransom 4, and Mary 5 months old. I D. H. Jones will feed the said named persons pay Doctor bill and clothe them and give each Saturday evening. I also agree that each laborer shall have his part of one fourth of the present growing crop agreeable to his merit and classification.
Witness } W. H. Jones D. H. Jones

State of Alabama Autauga County June 9th 1865
This instrument of writing witnesseth that I W. P. DeJarnett do agree to employ Antony a freeman of colour to work in my farm until the 1st day of January 1866 and I am to feed clothe pay medical bill and give him 24 bushels of corn five (5) gallons long syrup and five (5) bushels rough rice.

Antony 60 years old x his mark
This is to certify that we have witnessed the signing of the name of the above mentioned freedman of his own free will and accord.
S. P. Henderson
James T. DeJarnett

State of Alabama Autauga County
This instrument witnesseth that I W. R. Pickett do agree to employ the following named freemen of color to work at my mill until the first day of January 1866 to saw. Daniel and Charles and to pay each of them ten dollars per month for their services said Daniel and Charles agreeing in consideration of the above conditions to perform the duties required of them at the will as heretofore said W. R. Pickett further agreeing to give them food clothing and the necessary medical attendance June 15th 1865. Daniel x his mark
Charles x his mark
We the undersigned do hereby certify that we have this day witnessed the above named freedmen sign the above contract of their own free will and accord.
June 15th 1865 I. D. Lamin
J. F. Ross

State of Alabama Dowdee County
The following is a contract entered into between Ephraim P. Davis on one part and the negro whose name is embraced in this instrument that is I Ephraim P. Davis agree to pay Richmond his board clothes and chewing tobacco and medical attention for and in consideration of his labor until the first of January next this June 17th 1865.
E. P. Davis
The above contract was correctly read to the negro whose name is mentioned above and the question asked are you willing on your part to do what is required of you and take what is offered you to which he respectfully answered he was Richmond x his mark
Witness } John Reid
David Davis

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State of Alabama Autauga County
June 16th 1865

This instrument of writing witnesseth that I W.W. Golsan hath this day contracted with and doth hereby hire the following named freed man and woman to wit: John and Maria I am to furnish the said John and Maria with house fuel food clothing and medical attention and to pay John one hundred and fifty (150) pounds of pork and fifteen bushels of corn and am to pay the said Maria fifteen bushels of corn the said pork and corn to be delivered to the said John and Maria by the first of January 1866. The said John and Maria are to remain with and work for the said W.W. Golsan until the first of January 1866.

W. W. Golsan

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John x his mark
Maria x her mark
We certify John and Maria freedmen were examined and interrogated by me and that they voluntarily agreed to the above contract. June 16th 1865.

A. Duncan
Jno. A. Golsan

State of Alabama Autauga County
June 17th 1865

This instrument of writing witnesseth that I J. M. B. Slendermire have contracted with and do hereby hire the following named freedmen formerly my property to wit: Warnir his wife Lily and four children. Wesley his wife Betsy and two children. Burrel. Maria and one child Dave. Tom Frank and Francis. I am to furnish the above named freedmen. men, women and children with food clothing medical attendance house and fuel to pay them one tenth of the entire corn crop gathered from my farm this year. The said freed men are to work faithfully for the said

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Slendermire until the first day of January 1866.
Warnir x his mark, Lilly x her mark, Wesley x his mark, Betsy x her mark, Burrel x his mark, Maria x her mark, Dave x his mark, Tom x his mark, Frank x his mark Francis x her mark.
We certify that we have examined and interrogated the above named freedmen and that they voluntarily agreed to the forgoing contract. June 17th 1865

E. A. Pou
J. G. Slendermire

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The State of Alabama Coosa County
Articles of agreement made and entered into between John Clark of the first part and Jack and wife with one child of the second part witnesseth that said party of the first part agrees that the parties of the second part may continue to live with him for their labor and binds himself to furnish said parties of the second part their food and clothing and will pay their medical bills, and the said parties of the second part bind themselves to labor faithfully for, and will obey all orders given them by said Clark or his wife and they hereby authorize said Clark or his wife to reasonably correct their child at any time they may think necessary. In witness whereof the said parties do hereunto set their hands and seals this the 15th day of June 1865

Witnessed
J. G. Cook
Levi D. Daniel

John Clark x his mark
Jack x his mark
Amy x her mark

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W. A. Lightfoot makes the following agreement with Levi and Julia. The said Levi is to receive from the said Lightfoot one fourth of the corn and fodder being grown on the farm at this time. The said Julia is to be paid by the said Lightfoot three (3) dollars per month. This contract is to continue until the 25th day of December next. The said Lightfoot further agrees to furnish said negroes food, clothing, house room fuel and medical attention free of charge and to conform to the regulations

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Witness} James Douglas W. A. Lightfoot

The State of Alabama Coosa County
I Henry A. Hoffman of said County do agree to pay Tillie, James, and Eliza one fourth part of all the corn wheat and potatoes for their labor on my plantation this present year the said woman Tillie, James, and Eliza are to labor for the said H. A. Hoffman until the 25th day of next December. In addition the said H. A. Hoffman agree to find the said Tillies two children their food and clothing ~~and the~~ one six years old and the other eighteen months also agree to pay the above laborers one fourth part of all the surplus that is made. Tillie aged 30 years James 13 years Eliza 11 years Mack 6 years Albert 18 months old. James, Eliza, Mack and Albert are all Tillies children.

H. A. Hoffman

We the within named freedmen do agree to the above terms and will on our part abide by said contract

Witnessed
F. D. Spigner
Robert Frayler

Tillie her x mark Hoffman
James his x mark Hoffman
Eliza her x mark Hoffman

Walnut Grove near Autaugaville Alabama
June 1 1865

This instrument of writing witnesseth that I have this day contracted with the undersigned free persons of color formerly the property of Mrs Isabelle Hicks and myself to remain with me and to work for me on the lands owned by the said Mrs. I. Hicks until the fifteenth (15) day of December 1865. Isaac 47 years old Hannah his wife 35 and their children as follows. Fannie (17), Linda (5), Nancy (14), Ike (8), Alfred (6), Nancena (2) and an infant (Joseph) For which I am to furnish food, fuel, clothing, medical attention, house and twenty five (25) bushels of corn to the said Isaac and family above mentioned

F. D. Faulkner
Isaac x his mark

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Witness} Lewis Simpson
Jas. D. Hicks

State of Alabama Dowdes County
The following contract entered into between Rebecca Davis on one part and the negro whose name is subscribed in this instrument that is Rebecca Davis agree to pay Sally her board and clothes and medical treatment for and in consideration of her labour until the first of January next this June 17th 1865.

275 Rebecca Davis her x mark
Sally x her mark

The forgoing contract was correctly read to the negro whose name is mentioned above and the question asked are you willing on your part to do what is required of you and take what is offered you to which she respectfully answered she was
Witnessed} John Jones
David Davis

State of Alabama Montgomery County
Articles of agreement entered into between Mrs. Sarah Mc Call of the one part and a certain freedwoman to wit. Ritter 25 years old. Art. 1st I the above named freedwoman do bind myself to remain on the premises of said Sarah Mc Call and render her faithfull service to obey all reasonable orders show proper respect to said Sarah Mc Call to look after her interests and in all respects to be all faithfull honest obedient industrious laborer and for failure to comply with the above obligation I agree to forfeit the consideration here in after set forth. Art. 2d I Sarah Mc Call on my part do bind myself to furnish the above named freedwoman in consideration of the above named service

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provisions clothes comfortable quarters and medical attendance. Art. 3d. We mutually agree that the above obligation shall be binding and in full force and effect until the first of January 1866 provided there is no legislature action rendering the obligation null and void this June 8th 1865.

Witness } R. D. Jackson — S. McCall x his mark
T. McBryde — Pittet x his mark

State of Alabama Montgomery County
June 19th 1865

I agree to give Harriet (a colored woman) her victuals, clothing and medical attention for her service until the first of January next.

D. A. Bowen

I agree to do good service for D. A. Bowen until the first of January next for the time and period above mentioned

Witness } A. G. Butler — Harriet x her mark

The State of Alabama Covington County

Articles of agreement made and entered into between Dr. J. Compton of the first part and Jacob and wife with six children, Peter and wife with two children, Dicy and child of the second part witnesseth that the said party of the first part agrees to give the said party of the second part for their labor until the 25th of December of the present year their food clothing and house room and will pay their medical bill and the said parties of the second part agree to live with the said party of the first part and labor faithfully, and will obey all orders given them by the said party of the first part or his wife and do hereby give said party of the first part or his wife authority to correct their children should they need it, In witness whereof the said parties have here unto set their hands and seals this the 17th day of June 1865

Witnesses } N. G. McNaghton — Thos J. Compton
J. M. Hughs — Jacob x his family

Peter x for family
Dicy x her mark

State of Alabama Butler County
Kirkville June 17th 1865

In accordance with instructions from Superintendant of freedmen under date of May 25th 1865 Montgomery Ala. I have this day entered into a contract with the following laborers and upon the following terms to Wit. Mary and Betty and for the labor of said girls I am to furnish them rations clothing house room fuel and medical attendance term of service to expire on the first of January 1866

Witnesses } Valentine Kirkpatrick — Betty x her mark
W. J. Nichol — Mary x her mark

Mary was formerly a slave of Mrs. E. Bassetts
Betty " " " " Jane Farmer
W. L. Conday

Contract made and concluded this the 15th day of June A. D. 1865 by and between Mrs Caroline Spicer of the County of Covington and State of Alabama of the first part and the boys Jeff, Isriel Lewis Jimie, Ann, and their families of the second part, Mrs. Caroline Spencer of the first part agree to give the boys and their families the fourth of the crop until the first day of January 1866, Jeff, Isriel Jimie, Ann of the second part agree to work with said Caroline Spicer until the first day of January next for one fourth of the crop. In witness whereof the parties of these presents have here unto set their hands and seals the day and year above written

Caroline Spicer
Jeff. x his mark
Isriel x his mark
Lewis x his mark
Ann x her mark
Jemmie x her mark

Witnessed } J. W. Rice, George H. T. Cato, J. A. Rice

State of Alabama Bowndes County
This agreement made this day between Thomas Jones employer of the fist part and the undersigned laborers of the second part witnesseth. 1st The laborers are to enter the service of the said Thomas Jones from this date until the fist of January 1866. They are to do any and every kind of farm work. plowing boeing splitting rails repairing fences erecting buildings repairing ditches going errands or other business and any and every kind of work that employer may required to be done. They are also when occasion requires of which the employer is to be the judge cook wash and iron and do all kinds of house or garden work and also to be obedient and civil giving no insolence and creating no disturbance either by fighting, quarreling or exciting to misconduct. They are to observe the labor regulations in force at Montgomery in respect to sickness idleness and loss of time and work on Saturdays and Sundays and if any of them should be required to do the work of Kitchen or house servants they are to comply with the duties and regulations of such servants. They are to feed the stock Saturdays and Sundays as well as any other day and in case of destruction of fences by Stock or Horses or other mischief and other ~~remedies~~ injuries occuring which need to be remedied on those days they are to do such necessary work. 2d If the employer chooses to do so he is to keep on ~~hand~~ the place a Superintendant who is to have the same control over the laborers business and property as the employer and ready and prompt obedience to be rendered to him. 3d The employer is to employer elsewhere than on the plantation if he chooses to do so. In consideration of which services duties and obedience faithfully rendered the Employer is to give them one peck of meal per week and feed them themselves as they are now being fed one suit of clothes in the fall medical attendance fuel and house and adding to this one fourth of the crop. Signed this 19th June 1865. George x, Sam x, Henry x, Jeff x, Abram x, Charly x, Penny x, Dick x, Ellick, Jenny x, Ann x, Eliza x, Rhody x, Penny x, Betty x, Nancy x, Dicey Ann x, Della x, Makaly x, Milly x, Tincy Ann x, Sarah x, Charity x.
Witness } Irvy Temple Thos Jones
Co. "D" 2d Maine Cav.

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The State of Alabama Autauga County
Know all men by these presents that O. C. Dupree of the State and County aforesaid do bargain and agree with Hager a woman of color age 16 in accordance with a late rule and order of the authorities of the United States of America who has been in my service and who wishes to remain still in my employment do on my part bargain and agree to keep her for her board clothes and Dr. bill as heretofore.

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O mitis Dupree
Hager on my part do willingly bargain and agree with the said O C Dupree to remain in his service until the 25th day of December next for my board clothes and Dr. bill also to perform any kind of labor that I may be directed to do by my employer or his agent.
Witnessed } O. C. Dupree Hager x her mark
John R. Vinson

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The State of Alabama Covington County
I Sauck a black man who heretofore belonged to Francis Pritchett do agree to work for Wm Carpenter until the 24th day of December next for the consideration of my provisions and 3 prs of Pants 3 Shirts 2 prs. of shoes and one coat. and I Wm Carpenter do agree to pay the above mentioned ~~articles~~ to the said Sauck if he works to the time above mentioned. This June 14th 1865.
Wm Carpenter x his mark

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Witness} J. J. Chandler
James Parker Danck x his mark

State of Alabama Lowndes County
This agreement made this day between Mrs. Harriet Smith of the first part and the undersigned laborers of the second part, 1st The laborers are to enter the service of the said Mrs. Harriet Smith from this date until the first of January 1866. They are to do any and every kind of farm work plowing hoeing splitting rails repairing fences erecting buildings repairing ditches going errands or business and any and every kind of work the employer may require to be done. They are also when occasion requires it of which the employer is to be the judge cook wash iron and do all kinds of house and garden work and also to be obedient and civil going no violence and creating no disturbance either by fighting quarreling or inciting to misconduct. They are to observe the labor regulations now in force at Montgomery Ala. in respect to sickness illness and loss of time and work on Saturdays and Sundays and if any of these should be required to do the work of kitchen or house servants they are to comply with the duties and regulations of such servants. They are to feed the stock on Saturdays and Sundays as well as on other days and in case of destruction of fences by stock or storm or otherwise and other injuries occuring which need to be remedied on these days they are to do such necessary work. 2d If the employer chooses to do so he is to keep on the place a superintendant who is to have the same control over the laborers, business and property as the employer and ready and prompt obedience is to be rendered to him. 3d The employer is to employ the laborers cleared than on his

own plantation if he choose to do so In consideration of these services, duties and obedience faithfully rendered the employer is to give them one peck of meal per week and feed them themselves as they are now being fed one suit of clothes in the fall medical attendance fuel and house and in addition to this one fourth part of the crop raised on the place this year to be divided among them according to classification. Deductions are to be made from this proportion of the crop for loss of time at least in the proportion which the time lost bears to the time they are employed for. Theft or other destruction or loss of property by wilfull carelessness or neglect of business or misconduct by the laborers is to be charged to them and in case of theft double the amount to be charged. Signed this 7 June 14th 1865

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Witness} Amy Temple Harriet Smith
Co. D 2d Maine Cav. Employer
George x, Caroline x, Louisa x, Aggy x, Hannah x, Anne x, Harriet x, Alfred x, Scott x, Margrett x, Sarah x.

The State of Alabama Lowndes County
Agreement made between Louisa E Smith and the following named ~~negroes~~ laborers to wit, Joe and Harriet and her two children Nell and Ellick) The said L. E. Smith on her part agrees to keep and employ the above named negroes on her place in Lowndes County on the plantation and in and about the house and premises and to furnish them needfull medical attendance house fuel, food and clothing and to conform to the order of the superintendant of the Freedmans Bureau as to the time and amount of labor required of said laborers and the father agrees to give to the said negroes as follows to wit Joe one hundred pounds of pork and pocket money about ten dollars. to Harriet one hundred pounds of pork and if she and her children are polite and respectfull through the year five dollars in money. And the said laborers agree on their part to labor faithfully and industriously on the plantation in the house or on the premises or any where else that

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may be necessary under the direction of said L. E. Smith to be polite and respectfull to the end of the year 1865. & the reciprocal obligations of this contract are to terminate at the end of the year 1865. June 13th 1865

Witnesses
James W. Graham
T. A. Graham

Joe x
Harriet x
L. E. Smith

State of Alabama Covington County
June 12th 1865

I D. S. Cauley state the contract between my self and freeman until further ordered the contract is as follows for his labor or hire his victuals clothing and medical attendance & the undersigned free man agree and sign my name to the foregoing contract in the presence of these witnesses

until Christmas or further order

Witness
Loyd Butler
J. H. Yeargey

D. S. Cauley
Jack x his mark

State of Alabama Covington County
June 12th 1865

I Elizabeth Dannevant state the contract between myself and freeman the contract is as follows for his labor or hire his victuals and clothing and medical attendance until Christmas or further order & the undersigned freeman agree and sign my name to the forging contract in the presence of these witnesses.

Witnesses
I. I. Sasser
Mark Suttle

Elizabeth Dannevant
Prince x his mark

The State of Alabama Covington County
Agreement entered into between Elias Dozier of the first part and the following named former slaves of the second part witnesseth viz: Sarah and four children four ~~children~~ of which are very small and Mary 14 years old and Cacky 12 years of age & Elias Dozier of the first part do agree to feed and clothe said former slaves for their labor until the 25th day of December next and pay Doctor bill of any and all of the second part do agree to render faithfull labor and obey all orders given by the first part or his wife this 15th day of June 1865

Witnesses
A. H. Wilson
H. L. Lemman
H. B. Handley
Daniel Dozier

Elias Dozier
Sarah x her mark
Mary x his mark
Hasty x her mark

State of Alabama Autauga County June 14th 1865
This instrument of writing witnesseth that I Nathan Lucas do hereby hire Mary a freedwoman formerly my property. I am to furnish her and her child three years of age with food clothing medical attendance house and fuel and to pay her ten bushels of corn she to remain and work for me until the 1st of January 1866

Mary x her mark
A. Lucas

We the undersigned witnesses to the above contract certify that we have examined and interrogated the above named Mary a freedwoman and that she voluntarily agrees to said contract. this June 14 1865

P. A. Poe
I. D. Henderson
Jno. L. Gelsar

State of Alabama Lowndes County Sandy Ridge
~~This is to show that I M. M. Pullin~~ June 5th 1865
This is to show that I M. M. Pullin hereby contract and agree with my servant or laborer one girl Caroline aged 13 years and 4 feet high whom I am to supply with food and raiment and medical attendance as formerly for her services as laborer up to the 25th December 1865 at which time this contract is null and void.

Witnesses
W. S. Hammond
S. R. Hammond

M. M. Pullin
Caroline x her mark

State of Alabama Montgomery County
Contract entered into this day June 5th 1865 between Yadoc Bussey and the following named freed women to wit Milly Mariah Amanda x and Becky the said Yadoc Bussey agrees to feed clothe and

furnish medical attention to aforesaid freedwomen and the aforesaid Milly, Mariah, Amanda and Becky bind themselves to remain on the plantation and work and be subject to the orders of the said Yadoc Bussey until the 25th day of December 1865 signed in the presence of.

Witnesses } A. L. Moore — Milly x her mark
James M. Dean — Mariah x her mark
Amanda x her mark
Becky x her mark
Yadoc Bussey

State of Alabama Montgomery County

Contract entered into this day June 5th 1866 between Yadoc Bussey and Nathan freeman and Henry freedmen the aforesaid Yadoc Bussey agree to give unto Nathan one shirt and one pr. pants and furnish medical attendance to the aforesaid Nathan, Henry the aforesaid Bussey further agree to give forty (40) bushels corn and one stack of fodder each to the afore said Nathan and Henry and the afore said Nathan and Henry bind themselves to remain on the plantation and work and be subject to orders of the said Yadoc Bussey until the 25th day of December next signed in the presence of.

Witnesses } A. L. Moore — Nathan x his mark
James M. Dean — Henry x his mark
Yadoc Bussey

The State of Alabama Coosa County

I William H. Spigener of said County do agree to pay Jane, Dick and Rose one tenth part of all the corn, fodder and sweet potatoes for their labor on my plantation this present year Jane 23 years of age Dick 18 years of age and Rose 14 years of age. Jane has three children John 7 years old, Denzy 5 years old Jane one year old. Rose 14 years of age and will be confined in three or four months. Dick is to have one half of one tenth of the sweet potatoes corn and fodder. Jane and Rose are to

have one half of one tenth divided equally between them. The said William H. Spigener agree to furnish Jane children their food and clothing the present year, June 7th 1865. W. H. Spigener

We the above named freswomen do agree to the above terms and will on our part abide by said contract.

Witnesses
H. A. Hoffman — Jane x Spigener
F. B. Spigener — Dick x Spigener
Rose x Spigener

State of Alabama Lowndes County June 23d 1865

F. M. Holly of the first part and Ephrem McCall of the second part do agree to work for the said F. M. Holly until the first day of January 1866 and obey his orders and discharge his duties or labor in consideration that he is to get 3 bushels of corn per month and one suit of clothes and one pair of shoes and feed and the doctors bill paid, said Ephrem to render his services at any time to save the crop if necessary.

Witness — Ephrem x McCall
E. Holly — F. M. Holly

State of Alabama Lowndes County

This agreement made this day between Mary A. Boling employer of the first part and the undersigned laborers of the second part witnesseth, 1st The laborers are to enter the service of the said Mary A. Boling from this date until the first of January 1866 they are to do any and every kind of farm work, plowing hoeing, splitting rail repairing fences erecting buildings repairing ditches going errands or other business and any and every kind of work that the employer may require to be done, they are also when occasion requires of which the employer is to be the judge cook wash iron and do all kinds of house work or garden work, and also to be obedient and civil giving no insolence or creating no disturbance either by fighting quarreling or inciting to misconduct. They are to observe the labor regulations in force at Montgomery in respect to sickness idleness or loss of time, and work on Saturdays and Sundays. And if any of

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them should be required to do the work of Kitchen and house servants they are to cmaply with the duties of such servants. They are to feed the stock on Saturdays and Sundays as well as on other days and in case of destruction of fences by Stock or storm or otherwise and other injuries occuring which need to be remedied on those days they are to do such necessary work. 2d If the employer chose to do so he is to keep on the place a superintendant who is to have the same control over the laborers business and property as the employer and ready and prompt obedience is to be rendered to him. In consideration of these services duties and obediance faithfully rendered the employer is to give them one peck of meal per week and feed them otherwise as they are now being fed. one suit of clothes in the fall medical attendance fuel and houses and in addition to this one fifth part of the corn peas potatoes fodder and syrup raised on the place this year to be devided among them according to classification. Deductions are to be made from this proportion of the crop for loss of time at least in the proportion to which the time lost bears to the time they are employed for. Thefts or other destruction or loss of property by wilfull carelessness or neglect of business or misconduct by the laborers is to be charged to them and in case of theft double the amount is to be charged. Signed the 16th June 1865. Laborers, John x. Emily x. Abby x. Emeline x. Stephen x. Ross x. Robert x. Manuel x. Alcy x Edmond x. Jim x. Nathan x. Vine x. Sally x. Andrew x. Daniel x. America x. Esther x. Hayard x. Jane x.

Special agreement with Sophy she has four children too small to work three of them babies. She is to work at the plantation for food and the others clothing medical attendance and fuel for herself and her children. Sophy x.

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Agreement with Milly Jack and Will house servants They are to all and every kind of work about the house, garden and kitchen and for pay get six dollars per month for Milly $3 per month for Jack and $1 per month for Will and in addition food clothing fuel and medical attendance. Milly x
Witness Jack x
Irvy Temple Will x
Co. "D" 2d Maine Cav. M. A. Bolivig.

The State of Alabama Autauga County
This instrument of writing witnesseth that D. H. DeBardelaben hath this day contracted with Henry, Jim, Todd, Lucinda, Caroline, Sophy, Charity, Ellen and Eliza, freed persons of color to work for him the said DeBardelaben from date until the first day of January next the said DeBardelaben agreeing to give the said above named freed persons one tenth (1/10) of all the corn, sugar cane and potatoes raised the present year upon his the said DeBardelaben's plantation it is also agreed that the said DeBardelaben is in addition to furnish the above named freed persons with their food clothing and medical attendance. In witness whereof all the parties named above have hereunto set their hands this 17th day of June 1865. Henry x his mark, Jim x his mark, Todd x his mark, Lucinda x her mark, Caroline x his mark, Sophy x her mark, Charity x, her mark, Ellen x her mark, Eliza x her mark.

D. H. DeBardelaben

This is to certify that we have this day examined and questioned the above named freed persons and that they have ratified the above contract this June 17th 1865.

Jno. W. Dow
C. B. Barton

State of Alabama Autaugville June 1st 1865
This instrument of writing witnesseth that I Thos Davis have this day contracted with the following named freedmen until the first day of January 1866 for one tenth of my crop corn peas potatoes fodder molasses and pork. to be equally divided between the

following named freedmen. Ralph. Nelly, and three children Edmon and Milly his mother. Washington and his wife Aggy. Nancy and Bettie. Harriet and 2 children Emma and Jimmie I also bind myself to furnish food clothing rations room fuel and medical attention.

Thos A. Davis

I certify that I was present when the above contract was made and questioned all the above named freedmen all of them being perfectly willing to make and abide by it.

D. H. D Bardelaben

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The State of Alabama Coosa County

I William H. Spigener of said County do agree to pay Alfred five dollars per month for the balance of the present year for his labor on my plantation this present year. June 14th 1865.

W.m H. Spigener

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I the above named freedman do agree to the above terms and will on my part abide by said contract

Witness} J. D. Spigener — Alfred x Glenn
G. M. Spigener

The State of Alabama Lowndes County

Articles of agreement entered into between S. B. Julian of the first part who authorized J. D. Osborn to act and sign for him on the first part and Cyro on the second part who agrees to work for the said S. B. Julian of the first part for the balance of the year 1865 for rations clothing house room and medical attendance and four dollars per month and to observe the rules laid down in reference to freedmen and the said S. B. Julian on his part agrees to comply with the rules in said order in witness whereof we set our hand this the 9th day of June 1865

J. D. Osborn
for S. B. Julian
Cyro x his mark

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I certify that the foregoing contract was ratified in my presence.

D. P. Hardin

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This is an agreement between myself and Hannah that I am to clothe her feed her and pay her Doctor bill for her and her child six months old she is about thirty years old and I give her one acre of corn. June 9th 1865

Witness} W. Newman
J. C. Newman — Thos Brown

State of Alabama Autauga County June 19th 1865

This instrument of writing witnesseth that I Eliza beth Hamilton hath this day contracted with and doth hereby hire the following named freedwoman to wit: Hannah I am to furnish her with food and clothing and Doctor bill and to pay her fifteen (15) bushels of corn to be delivered to her by the first of January 1866 the said Hannah is to remain with and work for the said Elizabeth Hamilton until January 1st 1866.

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Hannah x her mark

We certify that Hannah was examined and interrogated by us and that she voluntarily agreed to the above contract.

Jno. W. Pory
Jas Durand

State of Alabama Montgomery County

A contract between J. J. Sauky and laborers from June 1st until the 25th December 1865. I J. J. Sauky agree to furnish every thing necessary for farming and for faithfull performance of duty to feed clothe pay for medical services rendered laborers and give them one fifth (1/5) of corn, wheat, oats, peas potatoes, fodder and Sorghum syrup raised on prair plantation this year. 2d We the employed and subscribed do agree to the following rules and regulations to live peacefully and orderly under good and faithfull service on the plantation engaged in any work said Sauky or agent may require (on the plantation) when not necessary to cultivate or gather

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the crop obey all lawfull orders given by Sanky or agent not absent ourselves from plantation without consent of employer or agent. A failure to comply with above, subject the delinquent to a discharge and forfeiture ~~in the~~ of interest in the crop. John x his mark Mary x her mark. Allen x. Peter + wife x. Frank x. Charlott x. Gilbert x. Judy x. Queen and Harriet x. Judy and Gilbert are to have one fifth (⅕) made on the portion they are cultivating.

Witness } John Sanky

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State of Alabama Montgomery County
June 13 1865

By an order issued by Thos. W Conway Asst Superintendant of Freedmans on 25 May last and approved by Maj. Genl A. J. Smith it becomes necessary that an agreement should be made and filed between (negroes) Freedmen and those employing them. Therefor the following agreement is made between W. D. Van Deuren and us whose names are embraced in the body of this agreement Viz: Abram. Dicey. Anna. Pompey. Evaline. Vina and Harriet We jointly and severly agree to cultivate and geather his present growing crop and to deliver such of it and other products of the plantation in the City of Montgomery as he may direct also such other work as he may direct connected with the plantation the delivering in Montgomery of his cotton now on the plantation the hauling of wood from his Davis Plantation to Montgomery and also such other work and when as he may direct either on this plantation or his plantation in the praries connected with the cultivation geathering or delivering of the crops or his interest on either place and in preparing either place for a crop of next year as he may wish. and direct before the first of January next. This agreement to continue until the first of January 1866 unless he the said Van Deuren is willing and wishes to dispense with our services after the crops is geathered and delivered then it is to terminate with either or all of us as he may constult. In consideration of such service thus rendered by us with fidelity industry and promptness he agree to give us the one fourth part of the corn and fodder made and produced on this plantation one share to be placed in pens or cribs &c. Stacks on his plantation for us he is also to furnish us and our children such food. clothing. house room and medical attention as he has usualy done we having been for many years his servants. We agree to the following classing for the division of our portion of the crop. Viz: Abram 1st class man, Anna 2d class man. Pompey 3d class man. Evaline old 2d class woman. Vina 4 children 2d class woman. Harriet 4 children 2d class woman. Dicey 6 children 2d class woman.

W. D. Van Deuren

The forgoing agreement was made in my presence on the ~~month~~ thirteenth day of June 1865

L. T. Stuart

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An agreement, between B. F. Jackson on the first part the said negro ~~Louisa~~ Louisa on the second part said Jackson agree to pay said Louisa 3 dollars per month for her services as cook washer ironer and milker to be paid the first of January 1866 & also agree to give her and her four children one suit of clothes one pair of shoes and feed them and furnish them house room until the first of January next and furnish them with such medical attention as they may need and the said negro Louisa binds herself to do the work mentioned above and upon the failure upon her part to do the work bind down for her to do the said Jackson has a right to make her leave his premises with out pay she also make good all lost time, June the 1st 1865.

Witness — B. F. Jackson
W. A. Taylor — Louisa x her mark

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Articles of agreement made and concluded this 13th day of June 1865 by and between Richard H. Taylor on the first part and the following freedmen Viz: Simon. Nancy Toby Louis. Ann Sally Jennie and John. of the second part. Witnesseth that the said men aforesaid are hereby obligated and bound unto the said

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Richard H. Taylor to labor for him in the management and taking care of his crops and to do such other labor on his plantation as he may require and to do such other work as the said Richard Taylor may order such as building fences chopping attending to stock or waiting on his family. And the said Richard H. Taylor on his part agrees and binds himself to give to said freedmen one fifth of his corn peas and potatoe crops raised on his plantation on which they labor to be delivered to them when gathered, on the premises and he further agrees to furnish food, lodging, fuel, Medical attendance and clothing, and pieces of land as required by the schedule published by the Superintendant of the Freedmens bureau the said freedmen agree to labor according to the schedule published by the Superintendant of the Freedmens Bureau on the 25th day of May 1865. And the term of labor to expire on the first day of January 1866 In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands the day and year first above written, Simon x his mark, Nancy x her mark Toby x his mark, Lewis x his mark, Ann x her mark Sally x her mark, Jennie x her mark, John x his mark,

R. H. Taylor

The forgoing articles of agreement were read by us carefully to the fore mentioned Freedmen and also the regulations of the Superintendant of the Freedmans Bureau. And each understood the same and signed it willingly of their own free will and accord. Montgomery County June 13th 1865.

S. J. Holt

Wm J. Parnell

State of Alabama Montgomery County

Articles of agreement made between Simon a freedman and Barbara a freedwoman of the one part and Wm Jackson on the other part witnesseth that the said Simon and Barbara agree to work for said Jackson in his farm or any other work he may choose to set

them at when the crop is made from the date of this instrument until the twenty fifth day of December next they further bind themselves to labor diligently and faithfully. The said Wm Jackson agrees on his part to give them for their labor 4 fifth bushels of corn per month to feed and clothe them and furnish them Medical attention when necessary and take care of them when sick. but if they are sick more than one day at a time they must lose the time at a rate in proportion to their wages. Their two children who are unable to work are to be fed and clothed. In witness whereof we the said Wm Jackson Simon and Barbara have each affixed our signatures hereunto this first day of June 1865.

Wm Jackson his mark

Witness

R. H. Jackson

Simon x his mark

Barbara x her mark

An agreement between Susan Jones and freed girl Letty. Susan Jones promises to give Letty one eighth of her crop and furnish food clothing and medical attention the said girl Letty is to work with Susan Jones the remainder of the present year June 7th 1865.

Witness

T. J. Plant

Susan Jones

Letty x her mark

An agreement between T. J. Plant and freedman Archy. Archy promises to work with me T. J. Plant for one eighth of the present growing crop the said Plant promises to furnish food clothing medical attention the said Archy promises to work with me the said Plant the present year June 7th 1865.

Witness

Susan Jones

T. J. Plant x

Archy x his mark

State of Alabama Autauga County June 17th 1865

This instrument of writing witnesseth that I, J. G. Stinduman have contracted with and do hereby hire the following named ~~property~~ freedmen generally my property to wit Robert and his wife Toby, John Henry and his child, Peter Mary and three children, Tom and Ike. The said Stindumann agrees to furnish the said freedmen, men women and children with food clothing medical attend

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ance house and fuel and to pay them one tenth of the entire corn crop geathered from his farm the present year, the said freedmen agree to stay with him and work for him until January 1st 1866. The said Stradenmind further agree to furnish those children under 7 years of age whose mother has gone to Montgomery with food clothing medicine attendance house and fuel. And also one orphan child to be furnished with the same. Robert x his mark, Cely x her mark, John x his mark, Henry x his mark, Peter x his mark, Mary x her mark Tom x his mark Ike x his mark.

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L. G. Stradenmind

We certify that we have examined and interrogated the above named freedmen and that they voluntarily agreed to the foregoing contract June 17th 1865.

P. A. Pon

L. K. P. Stradenmind

Contract made and concluded the 12th day of June 1865 between Jessie Bryan of the County of Covington and State of Alabama of the first part and Will (formerally a slave belonging to Jessie Bryan) of second part do covenant and agree with said party of the first part to perform such labor until the 25th day of December next as said Jessie Bryan may require according to the regulations of the law. & the said party of the first part covenant and agree to furnish him good clothing plenty of bread meat and milk and give him half of every Saturday and as much land as he can tend in that time and pay the Doctors bill if any occurs. N.B. Will is 24 years old and is not well.

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Witnesses { John Merritt
G. L. Cook

Jessie Bryan
Will

The State of Alabama Lowndes County June 1st 1865

Articles of agreement made and entered into between A. J. Ray and the following labores Viz: David 55 years old and his wife Esther (an invalid) 40 years and one child 2 years old. Jinny 40 years and her 3 childrn under 7 years one an invalid). Fannie 45

and her 3 childrn under 13 years. Hetty 33 years and her two children under 7 years. Hannit 20 years. Harrison 15 years. Mack 38 years. Tom 36 years. Henry 16 years. Ralph 14 years. Harriet 16 years. Susan 46 years Edmund 50 years and wife 24 years. The said A. J. Ray promises to deliver on the premises to the laborers above stated one fifth part of all the corn crop I have now in cultivation clothe feed and pay their physicians bill when sick according to the later regulations May 25th 1865 for their services as laborers until January 1st 1866

A. J. Ray

We the undersigned labores promise to faithfully perform our duties as laborers and agree to receive the amount of one fifth part of all the corn crop and allow the use of a portion of the corn until all is gathered and that we will still cook and feed horses and other stock on Sabbath days. Mack x his mark. Tom x his mark. Edmond x his mark. Dave x his mark. Henry x his mark, Harrison x his mark. Orell x his mark Jinny x her mark. Hetta x her mark. Susan x her mark. Mariah x her mark Harriett x her mark Henrietta x her mark, Fannie x her mark.

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Witnesses { H. G. Hartley
Calvin Howard
Carter x her mark
Sarah x " "

State of Alabama Butler County

Articles of agreement entered into this 13th day of June 1865 between Anderson Scarbrough of the first part and Mary and Dicks and Harriett and her children Leband Henry of the second part, witnesseth that Anderson Scarbrough of the first part this day hired the above named free persons of color of the second part for furnishing them (the above named free persons of color) provisions clothing and medical attendance in sickness and also with comfortable houses to live in while in his employment and the said free persons of color agree to do all such work as is usualy done on and about a farm and house and in case the said free persons of color fail to comply with their undertaking or refuse to do the ordinary work about the farm or house then the said Anderson Scarbrough will be at liberty to turn

off said free persons of color and make report of
the same to the freedmans agent at Greenville
Alabama. Mary x her mark. Silas x his mark.
Lo smith x his mark.
Witness } M. Bishop
J. H. Smith

Andrew Scarborough x his mark

State of Alabama Walnut Grove near Autaugaville
This instrument &
June 14th 1865.

This instrument of writing witnesseth that I have
this day contracted with the undersigned free
persons of color formerly the property of Mrs L.
Hicks and myself to remain with me and work
for me on the lands owned by the said Mrs L. Hicks
until the fifteenth (15) day of December 1865.
Washington a man 38 thirty eight years of age is
to receive forty (40) bushels of corn. Hollins a wo-
man forty seven (47) years old is to receive twenty (20)
bushels corn. Mariah a woman 53 fifty three years of
age is to receive ten (10) bushels of corn. Amanda
twenty eight (28) years of age with three children
Sarah ten (10) years of age. Irene (6) and Jane (4) is to
receive eight (8) bushels of corn. Irena twenty five (25)
years old with two children. Cornetia (4) years old
and Philip 1 year of age is to receive eight (8) bushels
of corn. Caroline a woman thirty (30) years old and
one child (6) years old and ready to be con-
tined with another is to receive eight (8) bushels of
corn. Albert thirteen (13) years old formerly the pro-
perty of J. L. Hicks is to receive (13) bushels of
corn & are also to furnish the above named
free persons of color food clothing fuel and
medical attendance

J. L. Faulkner

Washington x his mark. Hollins x her mark. Mariah x
her mark. Amanda x her mark. Irene x her mark
Caroline x her mark. Albert his mark.

This is to certify that we have questioned the above named
free persons of color and find that they agree and have rat-
ified the contracts. Witness { Lewis Simpson
Jas L. Hicks.

State of Alabama Montgomery County June 1st 1865
We the laborers formerly belonging to the estate of T. B.
Burton do agree to labor on the Burton Est. Plantation
for T. A. Cann executor of the Est. T. B. Burton diligently and
faithfully as we have heretofore done to cultivate the crops
and gather the same attend to the stock and do
any other work usualy done on plantations until the first
of January next and we are to have half the day on
Saturday only when the necessary attention is needed in
the crop. Ages of negroes. Herbert 35. Lizzy x 33. and 3 children
Lin x 60. Lida x 65. Elick x 62. Sandy x 30. George x 22. Betty x 26.
Elijah x 19. Henry x 18. Jannie x 3/4. Linda x 19. Earl x 35
Eliza x 17. Dan x 13. Earle x 14. Ann x 14. George x 28.
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I T. A Cann in consideration of the above do agree to pay
the said laborers one fifth part of the whole crop raised on the
plantation except wheat oats and Rye which will have to
be used for said plantation in making present crop. to
feed and clothe said laborers furnish medical attention
when to be in sick and sick.

T. A Cann

The above agreement was made in my presence and
signed by them voluntarily.
Witness } Geo. W Mathews

Herbert x his mark

The State of Alabama Autauga County
This article of agreement entered into by Wm R. Pickett
administrator of estate of A. J. Pickett deceased of the
first part and the freedmen hitherto belonging to the
Estate of A. J. Pickett Dec'd of the second part witnesseth
That Wm R. Pickett adm'r of the first part agrees for and
in consideration of work and labor hereinafter to be per-
formed by the said freedmen of the second part necessary
to tend. gather and house the present growing crop. and
perform such other labor as said Wm R. Pickett Adm'r
of the first part may be necessary to the interest of the
farm of the said estate of A. J. Pickett Dec'd to furnish
said freedmen of the second part food. clothing. fuel and
necessary medical attendance and one eighth (1/8) part of
the present growing crop to wit: Corn Fodder Cotton Tobacco

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Raje Potatoes Peas and Peanie Hay also one eighth of the wheat now geathered. The Freedmen of the second part agree to obey the party of the first part in all things relating to said crop and in consideration of the above mentioned maintenance and wages to faithfully labor ten hours each day if so required by the party of the first part and until the 25th day of December next and the party of the second part agrees that any loss of time by sickness of either of the second part shall be deducted from his part of his or her wages same to the benifit of the remainder of said freedmen who have not lost such time we of the second part do further agree should either of us neglect or absent ourselves from the duties required of us by these articles of agreement such delinquent shall forfeit his or her part of the said and no longer remain on the premises of the party of the first part. We of the second part further agree that we will perform the foregoing agreement under any person whom the party of the first part may select to supervise his farm. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seal this 16th day of June 1865.

Appendix; The party of the first part and the party of the second part do further agree that each shall choose one disinterested white citizen of the neighborhood who shall elect a third, who shall at the expiration of the year see that the the distribution of the crop is made according to the foregoing agreement.

W. R. Pickett Adjt

Amstead x. Burge x. Buck x. Cyrus x. Anthony x. Cain x. Austin x. Hamilton x. Sam x. Isaac x. Nelson x. Henry x. Andrew x. Jake x. Joe x. Alick x. Jair x. Stephen x. Reuben x. Eva x. Chapman x. Bill x. Maniah x. Sehoy x. Handy x. Mary x. Candace x. Martha x. Peter x. Solomon x. Sammy x. Hannah x. Sarahann x. Adaline x. Emma x.

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Washington x. Richmond x. Celia x. Doctor x. Rilla x. Enlich x. Breyann. Louisa x.

This is to certify that we have witnessed the execution of the above contract by the above named parties that the contract was read and was signed by each of them voluntarily after hearing the agreement read.

W. C. Galloway.

J. D. Lann

State of Alabama Montgomery County June 15th 1865

The following contract is this day entered into between M. D. Sanky and negroes on his plantation. First M. D. Sankey agree to furnish land mules or horses and all plantation utensils such as plows wagons hoes &c. that is on hand to feed, clothe, gratuitously pay all medical bills and give 120 bushels of corn of the present crop. Provided 2nd said negroes do agree and subscribe to the following conditions rules and regulations for government of plantation. That we the undersigned negroes do agree to render good and faithfull service upon plantation of said Sankey the present year obey all orders given by himself or Superintendant and engage in such work as she may desire during such times as are not required in the cultivation and gathering of the crop and further agree to treat with respect said Sankey or agents and not to absent ourselves from plantation without a pass from said Sankey or Agent and to return at the time specified therein. A failure to comply with any one of the above obligations subjects the delinquent to discharge and forfeiture of all interest in said contract. Said 120 bushels of corn to be divided as follows. Ben 50, John 40, Maniah and child 30, Sarah and four children 60.

M. D. Sankey employer

Ben his x mark Sankey

Maniah her x mark Sankey

Sarah her x mark Sankey

Witness

Ben Sankey

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The State of Alabama Montgomery County
Articles of agreement entered into this the 17th day of June 1865 between Jacob Fable of the first part and the following colored freedmen of the second part to wit: Sandy aged about (40) forty years. Hamit his wife aged about forty five (45). Alick about eighteen (18) years witnesseth that whereas said Jacob Fable have this day hired said above named colored persons to whom I am to pay fourteen ($14) per month also find furnish house room, fuel and medical attention. Sandy being an effective hand but Hamit his wife and Alick very ordinary. These colored persons are to be treated humanely and kindly and the rules and regulations applying to colored freedmen are to be ridgidly observed as to times of labor. in consideration of which said parties of the second part agree to work faithfully obey all just and lawfull commands be obedient and respectfull and for any deviation or intentional neglect of duty in any material pursuit to forfeit their wages said persons to remain in my employ from this date until the 1st of January 1866.

Sandy x his mark
Alick x his mark
Hamit x her mark
Jacob Fable

Witnesses
Andrew S O'Brien
Dinkman August

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An agreement between P. F. Jackson on the first part and the following named negroes on the second part Susan and 3 children, Milly and 3 small children and Anky and Hannah and Dace. as follows said Jackson agrees to give the said negroes one fifth of all the corn and peas and sweet potatoes that they make and gather this year also to give them and their children one suit of clothes and one pair of shoes to those that go to the field also to give them houses to stay in until the first of January next and furnish them with fuel and such medical attendance as they may need and the said negroes bind themselves to do

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any and all acts of work that the said Jackson or any person for him may direct them to do connected with or pertaining to the plantation and upon the failure on their part to do good work either by refusing or neglecting or by constant or frequent idleness. the said Jackson has a right to make them leave his premises without pay. They are also to make good all lost time this June 1st 1865. Susan x her mark
Milly x her mark Anaky x her mark. Hannah x her mark. Dace x her mark
Witness } W. B. Taylor

Susan x his mark — P. F. Jackson

The State of Alabama Macon County
Memorandum of agreement entered into this 13th day of June 1865 between the following named freedmen to wit: George 27 x. Buck 38 x. Emmeline 20 x. Louisa 30 x. Martha 35 x. Israel 66 x. Charity 30 x. Mary 50 x. Sallie 36 x. Bob 21 x. Lymus 18 x. Coleman x. Jimmie x. Elizabeth x. Tyler x. Pasha x. Sarah x. Talmage x. Hannah x. Dolly x. Rachael x. Elizah x. and families parties of the first part and John H. Pinkston party of the second part. 1st The said parties of the first part agree to cultivate and gather the crops of corn, peas potatoes &c. now growing on the plantation or any other work necessary for the benefit of the plantation or planting interest belonging to the said John H. Pinkston of the second part. 2nd The said parties of the first part agree to labor on the plantation of the said John H Pinkston until the 1st day of January 1866 They further agree to labor ten hours every day between day light and dark in the summer and nine hours in winter except the afternoon of Saturdays and the whole of Sundays also assist in guarding the premises against thieves. 3rd The said John H. Pinkston party of the second part agrees to furnish food clothing house medical attendance and fuel to said parties of the first part and the said John H Pinkston further agrees to pay the said parties of the first one fifth of all the crops of corn peas, potatoes & fodder now growing upon said plantation. 4th The said John H Pinkston of the second part further agrees that all the crops and property on his said plantation shall be held to be owned by a lien against all other creditors to the

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amount of the wages due said parties of the first part.
Witness M. F. Mastin
The said John H Pinkerton has employed the milkman Lewis a laborer 53 years old, he agrees to work four days out of every week for the said John H. Pinkerton and the said John H Pinkston agrees to furnish him with food clothing medical attendance and fuel
Witnesses
A. L. Brown — Lewis x his mark

State of Alabama Autauga County June 19th 1865
This instrument of writing witnesseth that I Caroline Wood hath this day contracted with doth hereby hire the following named freedmen to viz: Holliday I am to furnish him with food and to pay him fifteen bushels of corn and to be delivered to him by the first of January 1866 The said Holliday is to remain with and work for said Caroline Wood until January the 1st 1866.

Holiday x his mark

We certify that Holliday was examined and interrogated by us and that he voluntarily agreed to the above contract.

Jno. W Day
W. E. Hamilton

State of Alabama Autauga County
The following is the contract with Evan Presley former owner. with Edmund aged 30 years and is to receive ten (10) dollars per month or one hundred (100) gallons of assorted corn also Richmond aged about fifty two (52) years and his two sons viz: Joe aged fifteen (15) years and Jim aged (13) thirteen years to work in the following business and the said Presley agree to pay Richmond and his two sons thirty (30) dollars per month or three hundred (300) gallons of assorted corn and to comply as to food clothing and medical attention with the rules prescribed by the freedmans

bureau, and they on their part agree to obey all orders and to do all work connected with said business as heretofore. Also the following hands are employed to work in the farm by the undersigned Viz: Lee about fifty two years old Lee thirty two years old, John twenty one years old. Jacob eighteen years old and Ben fifty years old said hands agree to obey all orders and do all work on the farm as heretofore and to receive for their services one fifth part of the crop now growing and being cultivated by them when the same is gathered and the Presley agreeing to comply with rules prescribed by freedmans bureau as to food clothing and medical attention. Also Amanda afflicted with chronic sore legs aged about sixty (60) years is employed on the premises for his food clothing and medical attention also George about forty years old a cripple from the effects of a burn and his wife Caroline and one infant child are employed on the premises for their food clothing and medical attention paid contract to continue as to farm hands until the first of December or until the crops are gathered and housed. Also Ann twenty nine (29) years old is employed as teamster and Bill aged twenty five (25) is employed to work ab what ever may be necessary about the premises. Ann at ten (10) dollars per month and Bill at six (6) dollars per month the undersigned furnishing food clothing and medical attention as prescribed by freedmans bureau and said boys are to obey all orders and to do their work as heretofore. Richmond x. Joe x. Jim x. Edmond x Lee x. Asa x. John x. Jake x. Ben x. Amstead x. Jingle Caroline x. Ann x. Bill x.

Evan Presley

The above contract was read and explained to the colored persons and they signed it voluntarily in my presence

G. W. Whiting

The State of Alabama Autauga County
June 13th 1865
Know all men by these presents that I Wm E. McBurdelatan do bargain and agree to give the following named colored persons, Lucy aged 35 years

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Sucky aged 70 years, Peter aged 13 years Levenia and her three childrn agn respectively as followd 40. 7. & 3 clothing rations and Doctors bill for their servics from this day until the 25th day of December next.
Witness R. D. Fraiser — Wm. E. Dd Bardelaben
We the above named colored persons do willingly bargain and agree to remain in the service of Wm E. Dd Bardelaben until the 25th day of December next for our rations clothing and Doctor bill and to perform any kind of labor that we may be directed to do by our employer or his agent all done in accordance with the rules and order of the authority of the United States of America.
Levenia X her mark, Lucy X her mark, Sucky X hermark, Peter X his mark.
I hereby certify that the foregoing contract was made in my presence with the colored people mentioned and agreed to by them.
R. D. Fraiser

State of Alabama Lowndes County
The following is a contract entered in to between John Jones on one part and the negro whose name is embraced in this instrument that is D. John Jones agree to pay Down two pair of shoes two shirts and two pair of pants and all medical attention for and in consideration of his services until the first of January next this June the 5th 1865.

John Jones
Dann X his mark

The ~~following~~ foregoing contract was cunctly read to the negro whose name is mentioned above and the question asked are you willing on your part to do what is required of you and take what is offered you to which he respectfully answered he was.

David Davis
E. H. Ballard

State of Alabama Montgomery County June 2d 1865
Articles of agreement between Morris G Fowles and his former slaves the agreement between the said Morris G Fowles and them is as follows Israll 53 years of age & wife 40 mulatto, Antony 22, Frank 30, Antonette 23 with 3 small children Maryann 20 with three small children we agree on 100 bushels of corn and 1000 lbs. of pork 10 bushels of peas. Andrew 32 years of age and 5 small children the oldest Mary 13 years of age, Dick 11 Elisha 9 Alex 7. Emma 5 we agree on 50 bushels corn and 500 lbs. pork 5 bushels peas, Jim 50 years of age (Fannie 45 his wife) Daniel 20 with one small child. Ruth 17 with two small children. Perilla 14 & Jefferson 12, Ned 10 Malinda 8 Ennie 6 we agree on 100 bushels of corn 1000 lbs. pork 10 bushels peas. Henry 32 years of age, Jane 22 married with two small children 30 bushels corn 300 lbs. pork 5 bushels of peas. Jane 35 years of age and very much and her son Lewis 13 thirteen years of age we agree on food and raiment. Cash 70 years of age and Mary his wife 55 years of age and a cripple Wesley their son 16 years of age Louisa 14 deaf dumb and rickety Julia 10 we agree on food and raiment,
Now we the above named parties agree on our part to work under the direction and control of said Morris G. Fowles and perform our duties faithfully and diligently for the remainder of the present year. Wilem 53 years of age. Riley 24. Polly 14, Lucy 2 years of age we agree upon 50 bushels corn 500 lbs pork and 5 bushels peas, Assented to in presence of
Witnesses: Wm Oliver, E. H. Gacy — Morris G Fowles

State of Alabama Montgomery County June 8th 1865
Articles of agreement between Gen. P. Shaver of the first part and eleven former slaves of the other part Jim, Jim. Day, Day wife and child, Hester and three children. Hollott and child. I Gen. P. Shaver do agree and bind myself to feed clothe pay all Doctor bills and furnish comfortable homes to the above named former slaves also give Jim and Jim Day thirty bushels of corn. Buy wife and child forty five bushels

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Hester and three children fifteen bushels
Shollott and one child fifteen bushels corn on or
before the 25th day of December next we the un-
designed laborers do agree and bind ourselves to work
faithfully as we have heretofore for Geo. P. Shaver
until the 25th day of December next for the above men-
tioned consideration. One hundred and thirty five
bushels corn. Jim x his mark. Jim Day x his mark.
Bait x his mark. Shollott x her mark. Hester x her mark.

Geo. P. Shaver

I hereby certify that I was present when the above
agreement was made and witnessed the contract and
the parties sign their names to the same on
the day the same bears date

W. B. Shaver

State of Alabama Lowndes County

Contract agreed to and entered into
by P. M. Pearll on the one part and his
servants on the other part. 1st It is
P. M. Pearll agrees to give the undermen-
tioned servants for their services as such as the year
eighteen hundred and sixty six in addition to
clothing and Doctor's attendance deemed necessary the
following amounts - To Jim 5 bushels of corn
and 50 pounds of meat, to Hannah 12 bushels
corn and 30 pounds of meat, to Lucy 8 bushels
corn and 20 pounds of meat, & Louis his wife
clothing and three, 2nd And we the undersigned
agree to the above proposition that is that he
amounts enclosed to each of us shall be paid
and satisfactory compensation for our services
for the year 1866 and we further agree to give
dutifull and faithful service and the usual and
necessary household duties on Saturdays and Sundays.
and further each of agree that a sufficient amount
be deducted from the amounts enclosed to me to
furnish me with shoes, 3d And we do further agree
to abide by and conform to the regulations as
published by the Bureau of Freedmen Laws for em-

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ployment and control. Signed sealed and delivered this
fourth day of June eighteen hundred and sixty six
in the presence of

Witness { P. M. Pearll P. M. Pearll Empr
{ P. P. Pearll Jim x Pearll
Samuel x Pearll Lucy x Pearll & Louis

State of Alabama Butler County

Articles of agreement between Geo. Peagler and
P. M. Pearll the undersigned having Contracted in
behalf of the plantation of the said Geo. Peagler
in the County of Butler & the said Geo. Peagler
on the other part witnesseth that the said Geo. Peagler
doth agree to furnish all hands connected with said
plantation during the remainder of the year
1866 for their victuals clothing medical attendance
house and fuel as they have been heretofore and
to furnish one accustomed driving to
the plantation - said car to be guided by the
said Geo. Peagler during the said Geo. Peagler during
the remainder of the year 1866 for their victuals clothing medical attendance
house and fuel as they have been heretofore and
to furnish one accustomed driving to
the plantation - said car to be guided by the
said Geo. Peagler during the remainder of the year

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the said A. Peagler agrees to divide between the undersigned equally when gathered the grounds of five acres of land on which land there is now a growing crop of corn. June 7th 1865. Maniah aged 38 Adam aged 33. Tom aged 20. Sam aged 8. Tink aged 20 Lydia aged 12. Clara aged 11.

A. Peagler

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We the undersigned hereby certify that we were present when the above articles of agreement were entered into between the said A. Peagler and the above named Freedmen and did witness the same satisfaction.

Geo. D. Peagler
J. J. Pidgeon

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The State of Alabama Butler County
The following contract was this day entered into between Francis Poole of said County and his former slaves the undersigned Laborers (Freedmen and Women). It is agreed upon the part of said Francis Poole in consideration of the labor of said Freedmen and women from the 25th day of May 1865 until the 1st day of January 1866 that she will feed clothe and provide medical attendance houses and land for said Laborers and in addition to the above rates she will give to four of the said laborers viz: Jack. Sidney and Sarah she is equally divided one acre of corn during said period - The laborers on their part agree to work faithfully and to obey all proper orders of said Francis Poole or any Superintendant that she may authorize to attend to her business. This 16th day of June 1865. Jack x. Franklin x. Sidney x. Sarah x. Malissa x. Eliza x.

Francis Poole

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We the undersigned witnesses to the above contract between Francis Poole and her former slaves (now Freedmen) whose names are annexed to said contract hereby testify that we were present when said agreement was made and said contract signed that said Freedmen willingly agreed to said contract and made their marks to their names

C. D. Pridgen
Lewis S. Pitts

State of Alabama Butler County
An agreement entered into between Allen Presley on the one part and the following Freedmen on the other part aged twenty six, Sam aged twenty, Henderson aged fourteen, Tinah aged eighteen, Line and family that said Allen Presley agrees on his part to give the said freedmen and women one third of the present crop of all kinds cultivated on the premises of said Allen Presley provided the said freedmen and women do their part in cultivating and gathering said crop so far as this will not conflict with the laws of the United States they binding themselves, the said Allen Presley agreeing to furnish the said freedmen food and medical attendance until the twenty fifth day of December 1865 to all of which we do severally set our hands and seals. Made on the 6th day of June 1865 Jack x his mark. Jacob x his mark. Henderson x his mark. Tinah x her mark. Line x her mark

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Witnesses: J. N. Pruitt, J. J. Pidgeon, Daniel Pursy

Allen Presley

State of Alabama Lowndes County
A contract entered into between Thomas Polley on the one part and the following named Freedmen on the other viz, Sam Walden, Sam Bailey, Ned, Prince, Ben, Big George, Little George, Charley, Isaac, Maniah, Big Mary, Little Mary, Liza, Charity, Big Beck, Hannah, Mandy, Little Beck, Ann. Witnesseth Thomas Polley on my part bound to give besides clothing food house and land and medical attendance the following amounts of corn viz: Sam Walden, Sam Bailey, Prince, Ned, Ben, Maniah, Big Mary, Liza, Little Mary, Charity, Big Beck, Hannah, Mandy twelve bushels of corn each. And to Big George, Little George, Charley

Peace, Little Beck, and Ann six bushels each one half when gathered and the other the 1st of January 1866. 2nd We whose names are mentioned above do agree to the same as compensation for our services in the balance of this year. 3rd For any undue loss of time we agree to make a reasonable deduction for said loss out of our shares. 4th We further agree to abide by 6th Article of Labor Regulations as published by Superintendent of Freedmans Bureau. 5th Our whole time is at the disposal of the employer for the balance of this year except Saturday evenings and Sundays and then if the emergency requires it. 6th We also agree to give our employer the refusal of our corn at the market price if he desires it. 7th I Thomas Polley do agree to take care of all the children in the block of clothing feeding and medical attention. June 12th 1865.

Witness } P. J. Russell — Thomas Polley

State of Alabama Montgomery County Pine Level June 4th 1865

Witness this agreement made and entered into this day between W. C. Parks and the following named negroes formerly his slaves Viz: Henry Malinda and Jane that the said W. C. Parks agrees with the said negroes in consideration of their engagement to continue in his service as faithfull laborers until the 1st of January next to give them in consideration of such services faithfully rendered one tenth of all the corn produced in his farm the present year also one tenth of the fodder Stock peas and ground peas and rice and one tenth of the Syrup one suit of clothes each and one pair of shoes suitable for furnished houses fuel and proper medical attention it is further agreed that should any one or more of said negroes violate this contract by leaving the premises of the said W. C. Parks before the expiration of their term of service as herein agreed upon by refusing to render effective service as laborers or otherwise then such

violation shall make a forfeiture of his or their distributive share of the crop it is also agreed that the said W. C. Parks shall divide the profits of their labor as above agreed upon according to the merits of the laborers. Henry his X mark Parks. Malinda her X mark Parks. Jane her X mark Parks

Witness } J. A. Jones

Andrew his X mark Hall — William C. Parks

State of Alabama Butler County July 5th 1865

In accordance with an order published in Montgomery Signed by Thomas W. Conway Genl Superintendent and approved by Maj. Genl A. G. Smith for regulating the hire of laborers John A. Pickens employer makes the following contract or agreement with the undersigned laborer who is now in his employ Rena and one child are to receive for her services food clothing and medical attention. I the undersigned laborer agree to the above specified contract and pledge myself to be obedient and render faithfull service to my said employer J. A. Pickens until the first of January next

Witness } W. R. Zeigler

P. C. Zeigler — Rena X her mark

State of Alabama Lowndes County

Contract agreed to and confirmed between Mrs. M. A. Powell on the one part and her house servants on the other part

1st The said Mrs. M. A. Powell agrees to give the undersigned as house servants for their services as such for the year eighteen hundred and sixty five like food clothing shoes house room and doctors bill when deemed necessary.

2nd We the undersigned agree to the above proposition that it is full and satisfactory compensation for our services for the year 1865 and we furthermore agree to perform dutyfull service and the usual and necessary household duties on Saturdays and Sundays. 3rd And we do furthermore agree to abide by and conform to the regulations as published by the Bureau of Free Labor for our guidance and control.

Signed sealed and delivered this thirteenth day of June eighteen hundred and sixty five in the presence of

M. A. Powell expt

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Witness } Wm J. Powell — Adaline
S. H. Powell — Jane

Contract agreed to and confirmed between S. H. Powell on the one part and his hirlings on the other part 1st The said S. H. Powell agrees to give one fourth of the amount of Corn and one fourth of the amount of Sweet potatoes made and saved on the farm this present year, and food clothing and when necessary medical attention. 2nd And we the laborers signing this contract agree to the above proposition of receiving one fourth of the Corn and one fourth of the Sweet potatoes made and saved on the farm the present year and the one fourth above stated shall be full compensation rendered for the present year 1865 and the said one fourth to be divided between us by Classification efficient labor being the standard of classification, to be decided by us aided by our employer. 3rd And we the laborers obligate ourselves to perform faithfull labor and for time lost in sickness a deduction is to be made from the share of the one so loosing, and in case any or either one of us refusing to labor or from idleness or indolence loose and squandering away our time we agree to abide by article 6th of the Labor Regulations issued by the Superintendant of Freedmen. 4th And we agree further that our labor and services are to be entirely at the direction and control of our employer for the present year eighteen hundred and sixty five, and we also agree that one half of our proportion of the crop is to be delivered when the entire crop is gathered and ~~and~~ the other half on or before the first of January next (1866) and if either of us abanding this contract or refuses or neglects to comply with it, the one so refusing or neglecting will forfeit their share and it, the said share will belong to the employer and we also agree that if any of the laborers now on the farm refuse to sign this contract the full share of those so refusing shall belong to our employer, and we agree further that a sufficient amount shall be deducted from each of our shares of the crop to

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furnish us with shoes. Signed sealed and delivered this 12th day of June 1865 in presence of, Adam x Powell Isaac x Powell. Stephen x Powell. John x Powell. Dave x Powell. Dark x Powell. Eliza x Powell. Rachael x Powell. Litty x Powell. Mary Jake x Powell. Betsy x Powell. Nancy x Powell. Ephraim x Powell. Lewis x Powell. Nikita x Powell. Anderson x Powell. Mary M. x Powell

Witness } S. H. Howard — S. H. Powell cup^t
S. P. Howard

State of Alabama Butler County

Articles of agreement made and entered into between Allen W. Prior of the State and County aforesaid and the following colored laborers of the other part to wit: Tom. Stephen. Shade. Jack. Dick. Sam. Still. Alick. Carter. Aron. Allen. Gabriel. Wilborn. Dolly. Fannie. Nancy. Mariah. Lotty. Susan. Amy. Joannah. Mary. Georgian. Rose and Caroline with their children under twelve years of age fifteen in number. It is agreed and contracted between said Prior and said named laborers that they are to remain on the farm of said Prior for the ballance of the year 1865 and work and cultivate the growing crop of Corn, Sugar Cane, potatoes and cotton, and when the the said crop is gathered the above named laborers are to receive the one fourth part of the Corn, fodder, and cotton and the one half of the potatoes and Syrup, made from the sugar cane, as compensation for said work on said farm for the ballance of this year. And the said Allen W. Prior agrees to feed and clothe said laborers and their children and to furnish them homes to live in and medical attendance when sick and fuel for fire, also time to cultivate their gardens and patches &c This June 14th 1865, x his mark. Stephen x his mark. Shade x his mark. Jack x his mark. Dick x his mark. Sam x his mark. Still x his mark. Alick x his mark. Carter x his mark. Aron x his mark. Allen x his mark. Gabriel x his mark. Wilborn x his mark. Dolly x her mark. Fannie x her mark. Nancy x her mark. Mariah x her mark. Lotty x her mark. Susan x her mark. Amy x her mark. Joannah x her mark. Mary x her mark. Georgian x her mark. Rose x her mark. Caroline x her mark.

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Witnesses } Robt. E. Owen — Allen W. Prior
Jas. T. McCrary

State of Alabama Autauga County.
Articles of agreement made this the 19th day of June 1866 between Madison Popwell proprietor and Rosette, Minyard freedwomen as follows to wit: Rosette & Minyard in consideration hereinto annexed do agree to work and labor for Madison Popwell to the utmost of our power and the best of our knowledge and skill, faithfully and to the best of our ability and to perform all work whatsoever he the said Madison may order or forfeit our pay until Christmas next. And Madison Popwell for and in of the promises and the labor to be performed by said Rosette and Minyard aforesaid doth agree to provide them with the usual food clothing house room fuel and medical attention in case of sickness and the use of animals and tools to cultivate the prescribed allotment of land and also pay or cause to be paid to the said Rosette the sum of three dollars per month until next Christmas. And the said freedwomen do pray that they be allowed to remain with Madison Popwell who is their choice and they would state that they deem the terms fair as Rosette is the only prime hand Minyard having children under the age of 13 years and not able to do much work. Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of the following witnesses and of each other. Date years and day above mentioned

Witness } Elias Reedly x his mark
Lawson Reedly x his mark

The State of Alabama Macon County
To all whom it may concern I have this day entered into a contract with the following persons for their labor until the 25th day of December next. The terms of the contract are as follows that I James Pollard of the State and County aforesaid do in the presence of witness promise to feed clothe and pay all medical bills so long as I have them employed provided that said laborers on their part do in the presence of witness agree to do their work faithfully and behave respectfully in the presence of their employer & forfeit their wages be discharged and punished otherwise as the law directs. June 23rd A. D. 1866

Jacob x, Sila x, Solomon x, Clara x, Kitty x, Jehniah x, Glasgow x, Martha Ann x, Jordon x, Joana x, Lorky x, Livy x, Paddo x, Ann Annica x, Edmon x, Maryann x, Harriett x, Tenge x, Lilap x, James ex x, Amanda x, James jr. x, Charity x, Melica x, Meanda x, Lucretia x, Emily x, Jane x, Millia x, Lucinda x.

Witness } John W. Davis
Archer McKee
Chas. D. Hunt

James Pollard

Memorandum of contract between A. M. Pugh on the one part as proprietor and Manda on the other part as laborer entered into this 26th June 1866. A. M. Pugh agrees to hire for the remainder of the year for her food clothing and furnish medical attention to the said laborer. In testimony of which the said A. M. Pugh has hereunto set his hand and the the freedwoman above mentioned has signified her assent in the presence of W. B. Ammon who has subscribed his name hereto as a witness.

Witness
Pugh Wilson

A. M. Pugh
Manda x her mark

The State of Alabama Tallapoosa County
This agreement made this the 16th day of June 1865 between James D. Phillips of the first part and the following named persons of color formerly slaves of the said James D. Phillips of the second part Viz: Hendrix a man 60 years old, his wife Hester 40 years old Sam a man 45 years old, Caleb a man 45 years old, Sylvester a man 40 years old, George a man 28 years old, Effy woman 60 years old, Sarah a woman 30 years old, Dilla a woman 20 years old, Emily a girl 13 years old. Witnesseth that said Phillips agrees to furnish said named of the 2nd part food, clothing, house, fuel and pay doctors bills and also their children that are with me (to wit) Hendrix 6 years old, Nealy 7 years old, Lewis 6 years old, Rab 4 years old, Ellen 1 year old and Anna an infant until the first of January next. And we of the 2nd part for and in consideration afore said as well as such other attentions helps and benefits as the said Phillips has heretofore and may deem fit to give hereafter do agree on our part to do reasonable labor for and obey said Phillips until the 1st of January next. Hendrix x his mark
Sam x his mark, Caleb x his mark, Sylvester x his mark, George x his mark

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Effy x her mark. Hester x her mark. Sarah x her mark. Dilla x her mark
Emily x her mark. This agreement was made in accordance with
military orders No- issued by-

Witnesses { Simon W. Craddock
Chas J. Phillips
John W Phillips
Lee A Condon

James D Phillips

The State of Alabama Tallapoosa County
In obedience to regulations published by Thomas
W Conway Brvt Superintendant of Freedmen the fol
lowing agreement made and entered into the 11th day
of July 1865 between John D Porch of the County
and State aforesaid of the first part and Jacob
a negro boy of the second part Witnesseth. The party
of the first part agrees to furnish the clothing and
good holsome food and medical attention in case of
sickness and furnish said boy home room and
fuel. The party of the second part in consideration
of clothing food home room and fuel agree to work
for said party of the first part an perform good
and faithfull labor as usualy expected from
hired negroes the balance of the year one thousand
eight hundred and sixty five or until the first of
January 1866

Witnesses { Wm Th Porch
Thos Clayton

Jacob x his mark
John D Porch

The State of Alabama Tallapoosa County
On obedience to regulations published by Thomas
W Conway Brvt Superintendant of Freedmen made
and entered into between Celia Porch of the
County and State aforesaid of the first part
and Jim a negro man and Matilda a negro
woman and her three children under five years old
of the second part on the 3rd day of July 1865
witnesseth. The party of the first part agrees to
furnish clothing and good holsome food and
medical attention in case of sickness and to
furnish said negroes home room and fuel. The
party of the second part in consideration of food

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clothing home room and fuel agree to work the said party
of the first part and to perform good and faithfull labor as
is usualy expected from hired negroes for the balance of the
year one thousand eight hundred and sixty five or until
the first of January 1866

Witnesses

William Porch
Joseph Linyard

Celia Porch
Jim x his mark
Matilda x her mark

The State of Alabama Tallapoosa County
In obedience to regulations published by Thomas W Conway
Brvt Superintendant of Freedmen the following agreement made
and entered into the 4th day of June 865 between Wm
Porch of the County and State aforesaid of the first
part and Jack a negro man Bill a negro man John a
negro boy Celia negro woman Frank a negro girl
Lindysilla and her five children under nine years
old of the second part Witnesseth. The party of the first
part agree to furnish clothing good holsome food and
medical attention in case of sickness and to furnish
said negroes good house and fuel. The party of
the second part in consideration of clothing food
house room and fuel agree to work the said party
of the first and to perform good and faithfull labor
as usualy expected of hired negroes for the balance
of the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty
five or until the first of January 866. Jack x his mark
Bill x his mark. John x his mark Celia x her mark
Frank x her mark. Lindysilla x her mark

Witnesses { B S. Smith
J. B Humphreys

William Porch

The State of Alabama Tallapoosa County
In obedience to regulations published by Thomas W.
Conway Brvt Supt. Freedmen this agreement has
been made an entered into this the 10th day of July 865
between Caroline M Pardee of the State and
County above mentioned of the first part and
Abad a boy 20 years old of the second part and
we the undersigned witnesses do freely certify that
Caroline M Pardee of the first part does agree to furnish

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the said Alfred a house to live in and rations usual clothing and medical attention, to work him as I have done heretofore and for the above consideration he agrees to behave himself well and labor faithfully for the said Pender during the year 1865 as he may direct or order and further agree to obey and be managed in the same manner as he has heretofore been accustomed to do and to work diligently at any and all kinds of labor that may be assigned him for the balance of the year 1865. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seal this the day and year above mentioned

Witnesses { E. T. Hutchison — Caroline M. Pender
{ A. B. Williams — Alfred (his mark)

The State of Alabama Talladega County

In obedience to regulations published by the Bureau this agreement has been made and entered into this the 25th of June 1865 between Harris J. Pender of the State and County above mentioned of the first part Charlott a negro woman and 2 children Charlott about 37 years old and children one ten years old the other two years old, of the second part. And we the undersigned witnesses do hereby certify that Harris J. Pender of the first part does agree to furnish the said Charlott and children a house to live in, fuel, wholesome food, usual clothing, and medical attention, to work them as he has done heretofore and for the above consideration they agree to behave themselves well and labor faithfull for the said Pender during the year 1865 as he may direct or order and further agree to obey and be managed in the same manner as they have heretofore been accustomed to do and to work diligently at any and all kinds of labor that may be assigned them for the balance of the year 1865. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seal the day and year above written.

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Witness J. H. Bridges — Harris J. Pender
H. D. Bridges — Charlott (her mark)

State of Alabama Lowndes Co.

Contract agreed to and confirmed between H. S. Powell on the one part, and his freedmen & hirelings on the other part. 1st The said H. S. Powell agrees to give of the corn now planted, one fourth of the corn raised on the farm the present year, also food clothing shoes house and rent (and medical attention when deemed necessary). 3rd And we the laborers signing this contract agree to the above proportion that is, that one fourth of the corn raised on the farm the present year; also food clothing house shoes and rent and medical attention when deemed necessary shall be full and satisfactory compensation for services rendered the present year 1865 and the said proportion of the crop shall be divided between us by classification efficient labor being the standard of classification, to be decided by us aided by our employer. 2nd And we the laborers obligate ourselves to perform faithfull labor, and for all time lost a deduction is to be made from the shares of the men so loosing, and any one or more proven to be engaged in theft shall have double the value of the property stolen deducted from their share of the crop. 4th And we furthermore agree to the employer and laborers to adopt the regulations published by the Bureau of Free Labor for our guidance and control and we promise faithfully to abide by and conform to said regulations in all their particulars with the exception of Art. 3d requiring a money consideration and substitute the above contract in its stead, and furthermore this contract is to be considered binding for the entire year of eighteen hundred and sixty five, and our labor and services are to be subject to the direction and control of our employer, for the whole of said year eighteen hundred and sixty five, to perform whatever labor or services outside the crop that he may desire or direct to be done. Signed sealed and delivered on the 14th day of June 1865 in the presence of.

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Ephraim. Andrew Stutsony. Peter. Cæsar. Julia.
Elsie Anny. Violet.
Witness } J. W. Powell
S. D. Howard W. H. Powell Capt

State of Alabama Wilcox County June 6th 1865
Know all men by these presents that we the undersigned do make the following contract and agreement, & Wm N. Pinney ~~to hold~~ a citizen of the aforesaid County and State do hold myself firmly bound to the following named negro & viz Isaac aged 36 years to furnish him clothing shoes ford lodging fuel and medical attention and fifteen bushels of corn, And I the above named negro Isaac do hold myself firmly bound to the said Wm Pinney to labor faithfully and to perform all the duties required of me as I have heretofore done for the balance of this year.
Witness } A. M. Finch Wm N. Pinney
M. W. Ford Isaac x his mark

The State of Alabama Pike County
Know all men by these presents that this agreement entered into this day between Barbary Pugh of the first part and for a colored man of the second part witnesseth, that the said Barbary Pugh on her part agrees to furnish the said negro with good comfortable quarters rations one pair of pants and one shirt per and medical attention when necessary and to give him one tenth of the corn crop for his services as laborer on her farm until the first day of January 1866 half the day of Saturday and Sundays excepted, And the said for agrees on his part to labor faithfully for the said Barbary Pugh for the period above mentioned, this agreement is entered into freely an voluntarily on the part of the said negro and he further agrees to obey the said Barbary Pugh in all things not in violation to this contract, agreed and signed on this the 14th day of June 1865 before

Witness } J. A. Legare Barbary Pugh her x mark
W. H. Pugh

State of Alabama Covington County
Articles of agreement made and entered into between James Parker of the first part and Phillis (a former slave) of the second part, & the said James Parker do agree to employ the said Phillis and her child an infant of one and a half years and give them their rations clothing good houses and medical attention for the services of the said Phillis on my farm from the present time until the 25th day of December next, And I the said Phillis aforesaid and party of the second part do and in consideration of my clothing rations good houses and medical attention to be furnished me and my said child do agree to perform the labor as above agreed and on the time above mentioned, obey all orders from the said James Parker or his wife to the best of my ability & all of which the parties of the first and second part have here unto set their hands this the 24th day of June A.D. 1865
in the presence of
Witness } Silas Finnigan James Parker
S. S. Finnigan Phillis x her mark

State of Alabama Coosa County June 9th 1865
Know all men by these presents that Michael Perry of the first part, foreman or plantation of the 2nd part have this day entered into the following contract or agreement viz: Michael Perry agree to furnish rations full and lay off all of the following named negroes and give one fourth (¼) of the corn crop. Harris and family, Harris aged 36. Betsy age 36. Jess age 6. Fanny age 14. Mary age 12. Alford age 9. George age 7. Ann age 3. Eliza age 1. King 60. Henry age 36. Luke age 22. Charity and two children ages 26. 9 & 7. Emaline 18. Michael Perry have in cultivation 150 acres of corn and for the above consideration the above named foreman and other negroes agree to work faithfully from now until the first day of January next at any work the said Michael Perry may direct the said negroes to do on his plantation or elsewhere twelve half of each Saturday and

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Sunday or Three days Stock must be attended to.
Signed in the presence of
Witnesses } W. C. Cousins — Michael Young
A. B. Mattox — Davis x his mark

State of Alabama Tallapoosa County June 27th 1865
This is to certify that the boy Lewis aged twenty five years and the woman Ailsey aged fifty years have this day given their consent to remain with Pat H. Pitts from this time until the first day of January 1866, said Pat H. Pitts having agreed to furnish said boy Lewis and woman Ailsey with the following articles viz: a good subsistence of clothing a county of substantial diet medical attendance comfortable houses and fuel, And we the undersigned do pledge ourselves to remain with Pat H. Pitts until the 1st day of January 1866 to do good service and obey all orders received from him, June 27th 1865
Pat H. Pitts
Witnesses
P. S. Washburn — Lewis x his mark
George W. Causey — Ailsey x her mark

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State of Alabama Montgomery County
Contract made and entered into on the 12th day of June 1865 between Boling Young and the following laborers viz: Stephen Alfe, Isaac, Milly, Rose, Jane, Phil, Emily little Milly, Henry Dave, Jim, Angy, Eve, Frances Sammy, Alpine Indiana Lew and Wash. We the laborers do agree to work for Boling Young during the year 1865 to do all such work as we have heretofore done on the plantation and obey the instructions of said Boling Young of said plantation and abide by the laws published by the Gen'l Superintendant of Freedmen May 26th 1865 regulating labor, the said colored persons are to receive one fifth (1/5) corn fodder peas potatoes and sorghum syrup the said Boling Young on his part does agree to receive to them medical attention clothe and feed them, Signed in the presence of us

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Witnesses } Patrick S. Lewis — Boling Young
Charles M. Wade — Stephen his x mark

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State of Alabama Butler County Millville June 13th 1865
In accordance with instructions from the Superintendant of Freedmen dated May 25th 1865 I have this day entered into the following contract and have the following terms & viz: Hawkins aged ten years, and for the service of said laborer I am to furnish him rations clothing medical attention comfortable house and plenty of fuel care of said service to expire the 1st January 1866.
Witness
David Clements — Boling Young
his
Hawkins x Lacy
mark

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Oakley Alabama June 7th 1865
We the undersigned do agree to remain at our former home with Mrs Fanny Underwood and work for our rations clothing and medical attention as we have heretofore for the remainder of the year. Susan and 4 children Willis, Dinah, Hanes, Julia, Esther and 3 children Jonas, Silas, Sidney, Lewis, Charlotte and child, Amos, Rachael and child, Tony, Jose, Jack Joe, Julia and child, Ellen, Caswell and Frances.
Witnesses } E. J. Benton, Ed. M. Underwood, E. F. Underwood

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This is an agreement between myself and the following servants, Hanes an man & am to clothe feed furnish medical attention and comfortable house and at the end of the year to pay him eighty six bushels of corn, Gordin his wife and one children to feed clothe pay Dr. bill furnish a good house and at the end of the year pay him fifty 50 bushels of corn, on which they are to serve me faithfully and cheerfully the balance of the year and if they leave my employment before the expiration of the time agreed upon they forfeit their wages June 12th 1865
Witnesses
Jas M. McQuay — John W. McQueen
Chas A. Varner — Hanes x his mark
Gordin and Wife x their mark

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State of Alabama Lowndes County June 16th 1865
I, John Quinn owning a Plantation and the
following negroes to wit: Adam and Maria his
wife and two children Eric, Peggy and two
children Milka and five children Sam, Jeny,
and Morris, Amy and Fabby, lately the Slaves of
the said John Quinn herby make the following
contract (to wit) The said John Quinn agrees on
his part to keep and employ the above named
negroes on his Plantation and about his home
and premises in Lowndes County, State of Alabama
and to furnish them needfull medical attendance
house food and clothes both for themselves
and their children, and to conform to the
order of the Superintendant of Freedmen as
to the times and amount of labor required
of said negroes and he further agrees to
give to the said negroes one fifth (1/5) part
of the corn and fodder raised on the
plantation of said John Quinn in the year
1865 which said fifth is to be divided among
the said negroes upon principles of justice
having reference to their respective capacities
and abilities to labor, and skill and ability as
laborers, and the said negroes agree on their
part to labor faithfully and industriously on the
plantation and about the house and premises
of the said John Quinn and under his direction
to the end of the year 1865.

Witness } Thomas W. Ar. — John Quinn

State of Alabama Butler County
In accordance with the published labor
regulations of Thos W. Conway Genl Superintendant
of Freedmen of the above State the following
is a contract entered into between Louisa
Vaulkelk and the following named negroes (to wit)
The said Louisa Vaulkelk on her part agrees
and promises to furnish the above paid negroes a
good home full rations shoes and clothing and

nurse her when sick and pay her Doctors bill in a
word treat her as well as mental in every respect, and
the above said negroes on her part promises and agrees
to work faithfully for the said Louisa Vaulkelk until
the first of January next and be a good and faith-
full servant not only on the plantation but elsewhere
given under our hands and seal June the 26th 1865
Witness } J. K. Manchus — M. L. Vaulkelk
John H. Harrison — Eliza her x mark Vaulkelk

State of Alabama Montgomery County
Prairie six miles from the City
By an order issued by Thos W. Conway Genl Superintendant
of Freedmen, on the 26th of May 1865, and approved by
Maj. Genl A. J. Smith it becomes necessary that an
agreement be made between Freedmen and those em-
ploying them. Therefore this agreement is made between
W. P. VanDeven planter and we whose names are written
in this agreement, as laborers viz: Needham, Dred, Henry,
Ephraim, Tom, Lee, Sylva, Ally, Nina, Fanny, Jane,
Emma, Dina, Emaline, Emily, Eliza, Caroline, Lettie
Joe. We jointly and severally agree to cultivate
gather and deliver in Montgomery his present growing
crop of corn also to haul such wood as he may
wish, to the City of Montgomery, also to assist as and
when he may direct in the cultivation, gathering and
delivering in Montgomery of his present growing crop
on his lower plantations, Also the preparing for and the
delivering in Montgomery of the cotton he may have
on his lower plantation. Also all and any other work
and labor he may direct done connected with either
plantation or his interests the preparing for a crop of next
year, or otherwise. This agreement is to continue until
the first of January 1866, unless after his crops are gathered
and delivered as above and such other work and
labor done as he may wish, and direct has been
done and performed he may dispense with the services
of either or all of us, if he wishes to do so, then this
agreement to terminate with either or all of us as he
may direct. We further agree that all lost time by

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sickness or otherwise, shall be deducted from our share of the crop, at the rate named in the aforesaid order of the said Conway, and the amount so deducted shall be divided equally between the parties to this contract who has not lost any time. We further agree that if either or all of us should abandon the employment of said Vandeveer before this agreement terminates their all of the interests we may have in said crop shall revert to and become the property of said Vandeveer. We further agree that a sufficient number of us shall remain on the plantations Saturdays and Sundays, to protect the crops & feed and properly protect and watch the stock the said Vandeveer to lodge the money. In consideration of such services work and labor, to be performed by us with fidelity industry and punctuality, as he may direct, he agrees to furnish us and our children such food clothing house room and medical attention and that, as he has usually done, we having ten months of his for many years, Also he agrees further to give us after he divides to Capt A. Bailey for rent of plantations the one fourth part of the crop as per lease) the one fourth part of the remainder of the Corn and fodder made on the plantations. One portion of the crop is to be put in pens or cribs and the fodder to be stacked on the plantations for us. We further agree among ourselves to the following classing, or the division of our share of the crop. Needham 1st class man, Reed 1st class Henry 1st class. Ephram 2nd class. Tom a boy 3rd class Lon 1st class woman, Jane 1st class Sylvia 1st class. Ellis 2nd class. Fanny 2nd class. Nora 2nd class. Emily 2nd class. Emaline 3rd class. Caroline 3rd class. Ema 3rd class. Emma 3rd class. Letitia 3rd class. Joe a young girl 3rd class. We do hereby certify that we were present at the making of the forgoing agreement when all the parties ~~initialed~~ signed it. ~~Wm Wells~~ James M. Darnell W. P. Vandeveer

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State of Alabama Butler County June 24th 1865
In accordance with an order published in Montgomery signed by Gov. W. Conway Gen. Superintendant and aknowledged May 26th 1865 by Maj. Gen. A. J. Smith for regulating the hire of laborers W. H. Zeigler employer makes the following contract or agreement with the undersigned colored laborers who are now in his employ, Gabriel receives for his services one average acre of corn and one hog. Will receives for his services one average acre of corn. Dillon Rose and seven children. Saunder and five children. Cloey and one child, Lizy and two children Frances and two children and Monday receives for their services food clothing and medical attention. We the undersigned laborers agree to the above specified contract and pledge ourselves to be obedient and render faithful service to our said employer W. H. Zigler until the first of January 866, Gabriel x his mark. Will x his mark. Monday x his mark Dillon x his mark. Rose x her mark. Saunder x her mark. Cloey x her mark. Lizy x her mark. Frances x her mark.
Witness } Chas A. Pickens
C. C. Zigler W. H. Zigler

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I James C. Gilmer do hereby contract with the following laborers to remain with me until the first of January 1866 viz: Mills, Susan, Patsy, Katie William, Maria and three children Lucinda and two children, Margret. I agree to furnish them food clothing and medical attendance and on the first of January next I agree further to give Mills and William in addition ten dollars each. They promise faithfully to perform such work as may be directed and they all legitimate orders as heretofore.
Witness } L. A. Shaver James C. Gilmer

I James C. Gilmer of the County of Montgomery of the State of Alabama do contract with the Freedmen named below for their faithfull labor until the first of January 1866 under the following conditions to wit: I agree to furnish them food clothing and medical attendance and at the end of the year give them

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one eighth of every thing made on the plantation provided at the end of the year the food furnished to all who from old age or extreme youth are unable to work is returned to me & they promise to abide by all the rules of the plantation not to leave it during the days of work as specified in the Labor regulations published from authorities in Montgomery without permission of the Superintendant of the plantation they further promise to obey all legitimate orders emanating from him and faithfully perform such labor as he may direct during the ten hours per day in Summer and nine hours in winter as specified in Labor Regulations Saturday afternoon and Sunday being given them each in cases of emergency. Grace. Ines and two children Alf. Jackson. Nancy and three children. Sol. Edie. Edmon and two children. Mary. Winnie and child. Dean. Kitty and child. Jessie. Sokia and three children. Rebecca. Elijah. Mary and child. Sydney. Virginia. Dinah. Benjamin. Peggy and two children. Jennie and child. Mike. Rachael. Beverly. Nicholson and two children. Lucky. Ary and child. Patsy and child. Barbara. Priscilla. Wilson. Hannah and two children. Alfred. George. William. William. William. Matilda and child. Sindy. Eliza and four children. Jessie. Mike. Ned. Patsy. Joe. Jemima. Harry. Nina and child. Emmett. Louisana and two children. June and child. Gabrilla. Jim. Winnie and four children. Martha and child. Clark. Ellen. Jack. Polly and three children. Sam. Garrett. Cook. Dick. Fanning. George. Montgomery County Alabama June 5th 1865.

Witness } Jer. Grady
Dr. A. 2d Maine Cav.

James L. Gilmore

State of Alabama Lowndes County June 1st 1865
Articles of agreement between Sarah E Gaffney on the first part and Jerry on the other part. & the said Sarah E Gaffney do promise to Jerry on the second part the fourth part of all the present crop and to also promise to feed and cloth and pay the Doctors bill and the said Jerry promises to stay with the said Sarah E Gaffney until the first of January 1866. Signed in the presence of

Witnesses } John Stephens
Mark Scott

Sarah E Gaffney

The State of Alabama Chambers County
This agreement witnesseth that the following named negroes late slaves of Humphrey Gilmore have agreed to live and work with said Gilmore the present year and as the following term, Susan the head of the family 32 years of age and her seven children said negroes agree on their part to remain on the plantation of said Gilmore and perform any labor that said Gilmore may direct. Said family of children ages as follows. Willis 11 years Robin 9 years. George 13 years. Joseph 10 years. Jack 7 years. Sealy 5 years. John 2 years of age. Said family of negroes agree to remain on said plantation until the 25th day of December 1865. Said Humphrey Gilmore agrees on his part to furnish said negroes free persons by late proclamation of the President of the United States. Said Gilmore agrees to furnish said free persons good clothing and houses to live in until the 25th day of December 1865 Said Gilmore to pay all medical bills as heretofore. In witness whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals this the 17th day of July A. D. 1865. Susan signs her name and signs for her children as minors.

John McKnight

Witnesses } D. A. McKnight
W. J. Gilmore

H. Gilmore
Susan x her mark

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State of Alabama Lowndes County
The following is a contract for labor between
Jno G. Gilchrist and the servants on his
plantation. We the servants whose names are
subscribed to this contract agree to remain
in said Gilchrists employment until the 15 day
of December next subject to his entire control and
direction and do further agree to labor cheerfully
and diligently in work assigned us. To watch
as far as we are able all the stock on said
plantation from depradations of lawless
persons and to abstain from any way injuring
or disposing of the same ourselves. To be respect
full in our behavour towards the white family
To obey promptly all orders given us by the
foreman or manager placed over us to keep
good order in our quarters To keep all idle or vicious
persons either white or black from visiting our
Lodges. In consideration of which the said
Gilchrist on his part agrees to give said
parties one fourth of the entire crop raised and
gathered on the plantation consisting of
corn fodder oats peas and potatoes to furnish
them with good wholsome food and clothing
such as customary in this section. furnish
necessary medical attention to the sick to see
that one fourth of the crop is equitably divided
among the laborers. Said Gilchrist reserves the
right to himself to discharge from his employ
all such laborers as are persistantly idle or
refuse to obey his or his agents orders or such
as may be found stealing or otherwise destroying
any of his property. June 12th 1865. Tom Chuck x
York x. Paul x. Pompey x. Archy x. Richard x. Jim x. Prince x.
Westly x. May x. Davy x. Charles x. George x. Henry x.
Edward x Little Jim x. Little George x. Abram x. Nancy x.
Sarah x. Abraham x. Flora x. Anila x. Minnie x
Hannah x. Jane x. Amy. Peggy. Catharine x. Rose x. Milly x
Eliza x. Old Eliza x. Susan x.

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Witness } Angus Gilchrist
Jno G. Gilchrist

The State of Alabama Butler County
Agreement entered into this the 24th day of June
in the year 1865 between David Gaston on the
one part and Diley about 50 years old and her
two sons Lewis and George ages respectively 9 and 7
Martha ~~and~~ aged 25 years and her four children
Tiller, Charlie Willis and Polly aged as follows the
eldest 9 and 7 and 5 and the youngest 1 months. Lucinda
and child Eliza child aged two years colored
persons and freedmen of the other part. In consideration
that the said freedmen on their part faithfully perform
the services stipulated to be performed by freedmen
under orders from the Bureau of Free Labor dated
26th of May 1865, for said David Gaston with the
reservation provided in said order of the half of
Saturday and the whole of Sunday except in cases
of necessity as said orders provides until the first
day of January 1866 then on his the said David
Stipulates to furnish said freedmen and each of
them all necessary food, clothing, fuel, habitation and
medical attention for and during said period, In
testimony whereof the said David Gaston has
hereunto signed his name and affixed his seal
and said parties of the second part have hereunto
affixed their mark Seals the day and year first
above written. Diley x. Martha x. Eliza x. Lucinda x.

David Gaston

Signed and Sealed before us the under named
Witnesses We hereby certify that said contract was
read and explained to said freedmen and as
entered to as their voluntary act; We certify also
that said contract is beneficial to said freedmen
Witness our hands this the 24th day of June
A. D. 1865.

A. S. Caldwell
D. F. Gaston

State of Alabama Lowndes County June 5th 1865
The undersigned has this day entered into the following contract and agreement with the Freedwoman on the plantation known as J. M. Goodwin's situated in Bragg Store Beat in said County (to wit) to agree with Betsey to clothe feed furnish house room and and medical attention for her services the present year the said Freedwoman to remain on the plantation and work as she has hitherto done and to work under my direction and obey my orders.
J. M. Goodwin
Betsey x.
This is to certify that the above contract and agreement was this day entered into between J. M. Goodwin and the Freedwoman on his plantation after he having explained it to her in our presence the relative position of each party one to the other and to the Government.
June 15th 1865.
John M. Goodwin
Alvin Chandler

The State of Alabama Butler County
Articles of agreement made and entered into by Jeremiah D Gafford and Patsey a laboring woman about forty one years of age 2nd class field hand. I J. D. Gafford agree to give Patsey for her services for seven months commencing on the 25th day of May last and ending on the 25th day of December next the following wages or compensation Viz: her food, clothing, house room, and and Lay all Doctor's bills that may necessarily occur during the time specified also the product of two acres of land now in cultivation planted in Corn and one quarter of an acre of potatoes I also agree to furnish a horse and necessary tools and her time to finish the crop this June the 2nd 1865
J. D. Gafford
For the above named wages or compensation I agree to do good and faithfull service for seven months as above stated and obey the orders of my employer.
Patsey x her mark
We the undersigned witnesses that the above contract was made by mutual agreement in our presence this the 6th day of June 1865.
J. M. Black
S. L. Adams

State of Alabama Lowndes County June 15th 1865
The undersigned has this day entered into the following contract and agreement with the Freedwomen on the plantation known as J. M. Goodwin's situated on Indian Creek in said County (to wit) I agree with Martha and Sarah to clothe feed furnish house room, fuel and medical attention, for their services the present year the said Freedwomen to remain on the plantation and work as they have hitherto done and to work under my direction and obey my orders. Sarah x. Martha x.
John M. Goodwin
This is to certify that the above contract and agreement was this day entered into between J. M. Goodwin and the Freedwomen on his plantation after he having explained it to them in our presence the relative position of each party one to the other and to the Government, June 15th 1865.
G. M. Turner
Wingate Coggan

State of Alabama Lowndes County
We the undersigned Freedmen laborers do hereby agree and obligate ourselves to T. S. Graves and J. D. Kendrick administrators of Mrs. C. A. Innes estate of the County and State aforesaid to work faithfully and diligently in the performance of all plantation work as heretofore and which may be required such as preparing cultivating and gathering crops feeding stock and all other work for the proper care and management of the farm for the mutual interest of both employer and employee. We further obligate

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ourselves in case of failure to perform the above obligations to be subject to the pains and penalties prescribed by the Labor Regulations and to forfeit out of our share of the crop fifty (50) cents for each day lost and in the same proportion for a less time. In consideration of the above Messrs. P. S. Graves and J. H. Kendrick do hereby agree to feed clothe and furnish medical attendance as heretofore and to give one fourth of all crops raised except (Rye and Oats) after reserving out of the gross amount of said crops such amount as may be need for farm purposes from this time 1865 to the twenty fifth (25th) December 1865. The said P. S. Graves & J. H. Kendrick further agree to feed clothe and furnish medical attendance to all children not laboring, the necessity for medicine and medical attendance for said children to be entirely to judgment of the employer or his agent. Clothing shall consist of one pair of shoes two shirts and knits for male laborers, and a pair of shoes and two dresses for each female laborer. This contract to expire on the first of January 1866. Abraham x, Moses x, Eliza x, Isaac x, Peggy E.X Lyda x, Henry x, Dooley x, Matilda x, Jeff x, Saunders x, Martha x, Andrew x, Peggy D.X, Nicie x, John x, Katy x, Eliza D.X, Mike x, Polly x, Louisa x, Ailey D, Jane C x, Adam x, Bill x, Ky x, Ailey D x, Charles x, Martha x, Dath Peter x, Cy x, Lydd x, Jude x, Emily x, Nancy x, Ben x, Rachel x, Lucy x, Reuben x, Jane x, Phill x, Jack x, Penny x, Billy x, Anderson x, Eliza x, Nathan x, Daniel x, Pleasant x, Susan x

Witnesses { John S. Holland
Reuben x Inman
Doublin x Inman } P. S. Graves
J. H. Kendrick

The State of Alabama Autauga County July 28th 1865

Know all men by these presents the we Emily S. Graves of the first part and Homer Long and his wife Cynthia of the second part do contract and agree as follows to wit) I Emily S. Graves by these presents do agree to let Homer Long and his wife Cynthia have the use of a dwelling house on my premises for the present year clear of rent providing said Homer Long does do what blacksmithing I will have to do clear of charge and cost, and furthermore that his wife Cynthia does do my working washing and milking clear of cost and charge and also providing that the said Homer Long and his wife Cynthia do let me have the services of their daughter Jennette in consideration for her board And we Homer Long and my wife Cynthia of the second part do by these present agree and bind ourselves to perform the above obligations as here specified. As in Evidence of

Witness { Laura Browning
Ann B. Geigler } E. S. Graves
Homer Long x his mark

An agreement between A. H. Gordon and the following named Freedmen John, Jane his wife, Anthony, Clarissa, Bill, July, Buck 1st & do promise to give the above named persons on the 25th day of December next the following number bushels of Corn, John & Jane thirty five (35) bushels of Corn, Anthony, his wife Clarissa thirty (30) bushels, Buck, July and Bill each fifteen (15) bushels of Corn, 2nd & 3rd do promise and agree to feed clothe and furnish medical attendance to all the above named persons and families, 3rd Each and every one of the above named persons and families solemnly promise to obey all orders and to work faithfully as Directed and not to leave the place without permission and not to harbor or encourage any idle negroes who might come about the place and the time for them to work will be as heretofore all of this they solemnly promise to do. July 11th 1865. John x, Jane x, Anthony x, Clarissa x July x

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Matilda x Buck x
Witness) Francis Gordin

The State of Alabama Talapoosa County
In obedience to military orders issued at
Montgomery Ala. on the 26th of May 1865 the
following contract is made and concluded this
the 26th day of July 1865 between A.J. Grimmet of
the County and State above named of the first
part and Jonn, Sunny, Ellic, Margrit
and three children Tuss and five children
Lidy, Martha, Harriet and three children
Caroline and one child. of the second part all
formerly the property of said Grimmet. the
said party of the second part commit and
agree to do faithfull labor in the field or
elsewhere as may be directed by said
Grimmet to the first of January 1866 and
for such services faithfully rendered said
party of the first part commit and agree
to pay unto said Party and their children
their rations clothing medical attendance
house room &c during all and every part of
the above covenant faithfully performed we the
said parties bind ourselves unto each other
In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our
hand and seal on the day and year above
written in presence of. Jonn x. Sunny x. Ellic x
Margrit x. Puss x. Lidy x. Martha x. Harriet x
Caroline x.
Witness } J. C. Jamie
Rebecca Williams A. J. Grimmet

Memirandum of contract by and between
W. A. Gunter of the one part and the Freedmen
hereunder named of the other part as laborers
entered into this 22nd day of June 1865. I W.A.
Gunter agree to hire for the remainder of the year
and to feed and clothe and furnish medical
attendance to the said laborers and their families
and to keep them for said one third of the corn

and fodder raised when the plaid after deducting what it requires to subsist the plantation from now until January 2nd the Freedmen on their part agree to work diligently and faithfully and to conduct themselves properly for the term for which they are hired that all loss of time occasioned by their default shall be charged to them at the rate of 50 cents per diem for 1st class hands and 20 cents per diem for 2nd & 3rd class hands and that in case of continued idleness or the wilful disobedience of proper orders or the destruction of the stock upon the plantation the offender shall forfeit his share of the crop and all right to remain on the place 3rd When hands are employed at wood cutting it is provided that they shall receive extra pay at the rate of five dollars per month to be divided among the Freedmen in the same as the corn and fodder they are entitled to. In testimony of our approval hereof the said W. A Gunter has hereunto set his hand and the Freedmen mentioned hereunder have hereto signified their assent in the presence of T. H. McEachin who has subscribed his name hereto as a witness. First class men as follows; Dennis x. Dave x. Bill x. Backey x. Mosley x. John x. Yoke x. Fortune x. Peter x. Styx x. Grin x. Linn x Dick x. Dave x Willis x Abb x. Jackson x. Henry x. Second class men as follows; Horace x. Moses x. Joe x. Gabriel x. Dave x. Third class as follows; Clet x. Oliver x. Steve x. Jim x. First class women as follows; Lucy x. Charity x Martha ann x. Linda x. Margret x Dina x. Eliza x. Polly x. Vick x Second class as follows; Dick x. Patsey x. Caroline x Elvira x. Nancy x. Rachel x. Edna x. Venia x. Niey x. Nancy x Rody x. Sear x. Neler x. Maurax x. Third class as follows; Daly x. Maria x. Billy x. Dilsey x.
Witness } T. H. McEachin W. A. Gunter

The State of Alabama Autauga County
This indenture made and entered into on this the
22nd day of July 1865 by and between James Godson
of the State and County aforesaid of the first part
and colored persons Joseph. Isaac. Tom. Phillip

and his wife Rosetta. and Their four children George. Morgan. Peny and P. Y. Louisa and the two children Mary. Richard. Adam. Edward and Ellen of the State and County aforesaid of the second part. Witnesseth: That the said parties of the first and second part have stipulated and agreed as follows: to wit: The said parties of the second part agree to serve the said party of the first part faithfully as laborers on the farm of the party of the first part (lying in and being situated in the State and County aforesaid) during the remainder of the year 1865. and to obey all lawful orders and commands of the party of first part or his agent, touching our duties as laborers on said farm, and do all other service necessary for keeping up and carrying on said farm. In consideration of the promises and agreement of the parties of the second part above set forth the said party of the first part promises and agrees to furnish the said parties of the second part with horses to live in, food. clothing and medical attention when sick and in addition thereto to pay to the parties of the second part one tenth of the proceeds of the growing crop. that is one tenth of the corn. fodder. peas potatoes and sorghum or such labor duly and faithfully performed. In witness whereof the said parties of the first and second parts have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals on this the day and year above written. Joseph x his mark Isaac x his mark Tom x his mark Phillip x his mark Rosetta x her mark. George x his mark. Morgan x his mark. Peny x his mark. P. Y. x her mark. Louisa x her mark. Mary x her mark. Richard x his mark. Adam x his mark. Edward x his mark Ellen x her mark.
Witnesses { Smithee St. Nick
S. A. Thompson James Gordon x his mark

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This agreement made this the 5th day of June 1865 between Wm Golden of the County of Talladega and State of Alabama of the first part and Jacob a man 29 years old. his wife Manda 30 years old and pregnant and their five children Lina 10 years old. Abby 8 years old. George Six years old. Henry four years old. Jane two years old. and Sally a woman 22 years old and pregnant and her three children Louis 6 years old Vick 4 years old. Charlie two years old and Elizabeth a woman 44 years old and diseased with one child Patsey 16 years old and her child 3 months old. in the County and State aforesaid of the second part Witnesseth: That the said Wm Golden in consideration of the covenants on the part of the party of the second part hereinafter contained. doth covenant and agree to and with the said party of the second part to furnish them with the usual food clothing horses and medical attention and the cotton that may be made on about two acres of land. And the said party of the second part in consideration of the covenants of the party of the first part. doth covenant and agree to and with the said Wm Golden that it will more and faithfully obey and do all usual labor for him during the present year. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands the day and year first above written. Jacob x his mark. Manda her mark Sally x her mark. Elizabeth x her mark. Patsey x her mark. Signed in the presence of
Witnesses { Wm C. Ward
J. R. Johnson Wm Golden

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The State of Alabama Lowndes County
This agreement made and entered into on the 19th day of June A. D. 1865 between Edm. D. Williams party of the first part and the following named negro laborers parties of the second part. witnesseth: That they have entered into the following contract or agreement by which the said parties of the first and second part severally and individually the said party of the first for himself

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his heirs ex'tors, administrators or assigns and the said parties of the second part for themselves and the children under their care and control who are under the age of fourteen (14) years of age hereby bind and obligate themselves strictly and in good faith to observe abide by and perform the said agreement for and during the ensuing year that is to say the said parties of the second part whose hands or marks are hereunto affixed by themselves have and by these presents do agree and bind themselves for and in consideration of the premises hereinafter expressed, to remain upon the plantation belonging to George W. Williams John A. Williams, Emily E. Williams, Laura D. Williams the minor children of the said John D. Sr Williams; commonly known as the Randall place; and the said parties of the second part in consideration of the premises as aforesaid do covenant and agree that they will for the balance of the present year diligently and faithfully discharge all the proper duties work and labor prescribed and ordered by the said John D. Sr Williams or under his authority ordirecting and ordering to the usage or custom heretofore prevailing or obtaining upon well regulated plantations in this community under the general management or control of good farming masters; that they will observe and practice toward the said John D. Sr Williams due and proper respect and obedience that they will discourage all improper conduct idleness laziness or drunkenness on the part of each others and that they will honestly observe the authority, rights and property of the said J. D. Sr Williams that they will not from motives of malice, gain, mischief or other improper motives take injure or destroy the clothing, goods or effects of the said John D. Sr Williams; or the goods, property or effects upon said plantation without the order or permission of the said John D. Sr. Williams and they further covenant and agree to do and perform in a proper manner, all the duties and labor belonging or attaching to good faithfull and honest servants; and such as are due from servants & their betters and lawful employers and that they will refrain from the use of intoxicating drinks unless by the consent and permission of the said John D. Sr Williams; nor will they engage in any combination or conspiracy or sell or dispose of any articles or effects of property without his permission in writing. And the said parties of the second part do further covenant and agree to work faithfully like other laborers in any part of the world ten (10) hours during the day in Summer and nine (9) during the day in Winter that is to say from the first day of April until the first day of October they will work ten (10) hours during the day ab Six (6) O'clock in the morning and labor until twelve (12) O'clock noon and ab half past two (2½) O'clock P. M. and labor until half after Six (6½) O'clock P. M. and from the first day of October they will commence work ab seven O'clock in the morning and labor until twelve O'clock noon and at two (2) P. M. and labor until Six (6) o'clock P. M. excepting Sundays and the afternoon of Saturdays which shall be at their own sole disposal except some necessity should arise where the said parties of the second part may be required to work to save the crops in which case the required labor shall be rendered: provided however that the stock on the plantation be tended to as usual. And in consideration as aforesaid the said party of the first part covenants and agrees and hereby binds himself to give all proper

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protection to the said Parties of the second part, and their children under their care and control, and who are under the age of fourteen (14) years to their Persons and rights against the interference, molestation or illegal interposition or interference of all persons whomsoever, upon due notice thereof and that he will continue to observe and practice towards them, the said parties of the second part the same kind and humane treatment and government (including the milk and other ordinary Sustenance) as heretofore and the said party of the first part further covenants and agrees to give permission to the men upon said Plantation to visit their wives if they shall reside residing on other plantations on every Sunday afternoon to remain until the next Monday morning running and on every Wednesday night to remain until the next Thursday morning provided however that they obtain the consent of the managers or overseers of their said wives thereto; and the said party of the first further covenants and agrees with the women of the second part, having husbands off said plantation to permit and allow said husbands to visit them every Saturday afternoon and remain until the next Monday morning and every Wednesday night and remain until the next Thursday morning provided however that the said husbands must get the consent of their respective managers or employers thereto; and provided further that while said husbands are on the plantation of the party of the first part they shall in all respects be subject to and conform to all the duties and obligations and be subject to the same penalties hereinbefore imposed upon the men employed of the said party

of the first part and the said party further covenants and agrees and binds himself to feed clothe and pay the Doctors bill of said parties of the second part during the present year as he has always done that he will treat the old men and old women and children upon said plantation with the same kindness and indulgence and feed and clothe them and pay their Doctors bills as heretofore: And it is expressly stipulated and agreed that if any or either of the said parties of the second part shall fail or refuse to comply with this agreement or violate the promises thereof then the said party of the first part is hereby authorized and empowered to discharge such party from his service or employ much and when the husband is discharged the wife and children under fourteen (14) years of age shall be discharged with him so when the wife is discharged her husband and children under fourteen (14) years of age shall also be discharged and when a party is once discharged from any misconduct or violation of this agreement or for a refusal to comply with its terms and provisions such party shall not be permitted to remain upon or visit said plantation without the consent of the said party of the first part in writing. And the said party of the second part hereby bind and pledge themselves to discountenance any violation of this agreement, and promise and agree to the said party of the first part all proper information, aid and assistance in order to carry out and fulfill this agreement. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our respective hands the day and year above written. Daniel x his mark. Big Alleck x his mark. Little Alleck x his mark. Anthony x his mark. Brister x his mark. Primus x his mark. Little Frank x his mark. Jerry x his mark. Little Moe x his mark. Willy x his

Big Mose x his mark. Sam x his mark. Morgan x his mark. Tom x his mark. Abraham x his mark. Gabriel x his mark. Jacob x his mark. James x his mark. Shepherd x his mark. Caswell x his mark. Dunklin x his mark. Big Isaac x his mark. Elsham x his mark. Sophy x her mark. Margret x her mark. Minty x her mark. Rhody x her mark. Cely x her mark. Milly x her mark. Winny x her mark. Sidney her mark. Little Rose x her mark. Aggy x her mark. Harriet x her mark. Sarah x her mark. Sophrona x her mark. Matilda x her mark.

Witnesses } L. Robinson Jr.
K. L. Rasalin

John D. or Williams

The State of Alabama Chambers County
This contract entered this 4th day of July 1865
between Y. G. Graham and his former servants
the under signed laborers Witnesseth that the
said Y. G. Graham agrees on his part to furnish
food clothing shelter medical attention
for his services the remainder of this year
and to give additionally fifteen bushels of
corn ten bushels of potatoes five gallons of
Sorghum Syrup and the under signed
laborer agrees to remain on the farm of the
said Y. G. Graham and labor faithfully and
obey the rules and regulations of the place as
he has here before done for the remainder
of the year in consideration of food clothing
shelter medical attention &c

Witnesses } John S. Prather
Jno. L. Prather

Y. G. Graham
Mosey x his mark

State of Alabama Pike County June 14th 1865
Articles of agreement between Allen Green of the
one part and Poiss and Cater former slaves of
Allen Green but now free colored persons of the other
part. Allen Green do agree to give the said
Poiss and Cater their victuals clothes and medical
attendance feeding and fuel and five bushels of
corn each for their labor until the 25th day of
December next. We Poiss and Cater former slaves of

Allen Green now free colored persons and of
the second part of the foregoing agreement do
bind ourselves to labor for Allen Green for the
wages he obligates to give us and to labor
during the time specified in the above obligation
binding ourselves to labor ten hours a day in Summer
and nine in the winter a failure of our performance
in labor will forfeit our wages. Poiss x her mark
Witnesses } Malcom McLeod x his mark
John McLeod

Ester x her mark
Allen Green

State of Alabama Autauga County June 16th 1865
Know all men by these presents that I John Grey
do bargain and agree to give the following named
colored persons their clothing rations medical
attendance fuel and horse room for their services
and one tenth (1/10) part of the corn and potatoes
raised from this the 16th day of June 1865 until
the 25th December next. And we the following named
persons of color do willingly bargain and agree to
remain with him John Grey until the 25th day of
December next for rations, clothes, medical attention
horse room and fuel and a tenth part of the
corn and potatoes, Tom 60 years old, Patsy 48,
Amy 50, Burrell 40, Dorcy 2, Charity 23, Ellen 18,
Cater 17, Dave 12, Mary 10, Anna 8, and three children
between the age of three years and six months
old. We furthermore bind ourselves to obey our
employer or his agent and also to perform all kinds
of labor as we have here to fore in the plantation or
about the premises, all done with the late
rule and order of the authority of the United
States of America. Tom x his mark, Patsy x her mark
Amy x her mark, Burrell x his mark, Dorcy x her mark, Charity x
her mark, Ellen x her mark, Cater x his mark, Dave x his mark
Mary x her mark, Anna x her mark

John Grey

I certify that the foregoing contract was made in my
presence to the colored people mentioned and agreed
to by them

R. P. Francis

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State of Alabama Autauga County June 12th 1865
Know all men by these presents that I John S Gore of the State an County aforesaid in accordance with the late ord and order of the authorities of the United States of America do hereby on my part bargain and agree with Jim, Margret and Squire persons of color who have been in my employment and wish to remain still in my Service for which I promise in my part to give them their Victuals and clothes and pay their Doctors bill and comfortable quarters they being all under fourteen years of age, And we the laborers on our part do willingly bargain and agree to remain in the Service of John S Gore until the 25th of December next for our victuals clothes comfortable quarters and Doctors bill also to perform any kind of labore we may be directed to by our employer or his agent. Jim x Margret x. Squire x.

Witness } John E. Gore — John S Gore

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State of Alabama Lowndes County Calhoun- Umphrey, Jane and Mahala, Click, Dolly and 2 children Abe, Seynthy and child, B. Lewis, Jane and child, Milly and three children, S. Lewis, Laura and child Moriah and 2 children Marshal, Nelly, Charles and George, &c the above men and women have agreed to work for the year for one fourth of the crop food clothing medical attention. June 12. 1865

Witness — M.S. Gilmer

W. H. Bargamen — Umphrey x his mark

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Clark a boy about 16 years old formerly the property of Mrs George Mathews, has agreed to work for me until Christmas and to fulfil & attend to all the orders that I may give him for which I am to feed and give him two pair of pants 2 shirts 1 pr shoes a jacket and good medical attendance should he fail to fulfill the above obligation he is liable to be discharged without pay. Clarke x his mark

Witness } L. P. Smith — M. S. Gilmer

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June the 9th 1865, Articles of agreement, We Catharine Mann and Lee do agree to work for Thomas Gillespey or former master until they shall for our victuals clothing and Doctors bill and I Thomas Gillespey do agree to give them the same in consideration of the same we Sign the same in the presence of.

Witnesses } Michael — Thomas Gillespey
Wm. J. Reid — Catharine x
George x his mark — Mary x
Lee x

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State of Alabama Montgomery County June 5th 1865- I do hereby certify that I have made an agreement with my negroes and on the following terms to wit the names numbers of which are as follows, Viz Dennis and Otis, Mike Polly Bob, Rhoda, Louisa, Big Andrew, Little Andrew, Sophia and her two children to have their food, clothes, medical attendance &c. mine & the above named negroes to have one bushels of corn each and 120 lbs of pork each besides their good

Witness J. A. Trip — P. L. Smith

State of Alabama Macon County June 1st 1865- W. D. Goodwyn on the one part and the following named negroes- Ginny, Wilson, Dina, Abed, Nan, Kate, &c. Fin Lewis, Anny, Grant, Dolly, Rachel, Rhina Nelly, Isaac, Eliz, Sarah Wesley, Gascon, Milly, Fanny Pat, Penal, Frances, Lidy, Lucy, Matilda, Willis, Polly Eliza, Hector, Agness, Daniel, Cathe, Empty on the other do bargain and agree with the said W. D. Goodwyn to give the negroes a fifth of the corn and fodder made on the place this year, one fifth is to be divided among the negroes according to merit and capacity, the negroes to mind all orders of W. D. Goodwyn or agent and do all work needed on the place until January next, they are not to leave the place without permission of W. D. Goodwyn or agent) W. D. Goodwyn is to feed, house cloth and pay medical bill of said negroes & any of said

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negroes fail to work as directed or misbehave they are to forfeit their interest in the crop, & the agent and two negroes are to decide upon the merit and capacity of each and their decision to be final.

N. J. Gordon
Glascow & Tasker

I do hereby certify that I was present and saw the above contract made and signed the name Glascow signing for the others by their consent.

S. L. Taylor

State of Alabama Pine Level June 2nd 1865

Articles of agreement between W. J. Barnett and the freedmen on his plantation. I W. J. Barnett do obligate myself to keep to the freedmen on my plantation who may stay with me and faithfully discharge their duties one tenth of my present growing crop of Corn, Rice and Potatoes provided they remain with me until Christmas & also agree to furnish them food, clothing, house room, fuel and medical attention. We do severally agree to work and discharge our duty faithfully with W. J. Barnett until Christmas for one tenth of the present growing crop of Corn, Rice and Potatoes he furnishing us clothing and medical attention he has already furnished us one suit, one shirt with one pr. of Shoes will Satisfy us. Simon and wife x their mark. Jack and Rose x their mark. Simon and Mandy x. Harry and Katy x. Charles and Nancy x. Davey and Judia x. Dan and Rose x Bill x. Maple x Sam x. Peter x Hannah x. Isaac x. Allen x. Daniel x Archy x.

Witness { Jere M. Bowden . . W. J. Barnett
W. M. Nat alley

State of Alabama Autauga County June 16th 1865

This Indenture made and entered in to between W. G. M. Golson of the first part and Jim a freedman about eighteen years old of March that the said Jim has agreed to labor for the said

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Golson during the remainder of the present year and in consideration of such service the said Golson agrees to furnish the said Jim with the usual food clothing, house room and pay his Doctors bill and fifteen bushels of corn to be paid at the end of the year. In witness whereof we have hereunto set my hand this 16 day of June 1865. W. G. M. Golson

I certify that the within contract was entered into in my presence that the said Jim acknowledged himself satisfied with the same.

W. T. Golson

The State of Alabama Autauga County

Know all men by these presents that we Sarah A Gardner of the 1st part do agree to furnish found Stock, farming tools, food clothing fuel and medical attention and we the 2nd part Jack, Jim, Lou, Wesley, Vick, Jim, Lucy, Patsy, Stephen, Tom, Simon, Mary, Anthony, Matilda, Charity, Phebe, Grace, William, Hannie, Daniel, Annah, Louis, Priscilla, Fraidy, Noah, Cesick, Louisa, Frances, Charles, Milly, Caroline, Chark and Hannah, all of whom the 1st agree to hire as laborers on said plantation according to an order issued by the Courts, but at Montgomery Ala. 25th of May 1865. We of the second part further agree to do all necessary labor on said farm to cultivate and gather the growing crop until January 1st 1866. Then Sarah A Gardner of the first part further agrees after the growing crops of 1865 is made and gathered to give to the second part one tenth (1/10) of all produce raised and gathered on said farm. In witness whereof we set our hands and seals this the 15th day of June 1865. Jack x. Jimy x. Lou x. Wesley x. Vick x Jim x. Lucy x. Patsy x Stephen x. Tomy x Simon x. Mary x. Anthony x. Matilda x. Charity x Phebe x. Grace x. William x. Hanny x. Daniel x. Annah x. Louis x. Fraidy x. Priscy x. Noah x. Cesick x. Louisa x. Frances x. Charles x. Milly x. Caroline x & Chark x Hannah x.

Witnesses { H. D. Lewis
Wm L. Rogers

Sarah A Gardner

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State of Alabama County of Montgomery Aug 1st 1865
I have this day agreed with and taken into my employ the girl Amanda Col'd as a Servant for whose service well and truly delivered I agree on my part to furnish her with house room, food, fuel, clothing and medical attendance when necessary. This contract to hold good until the 25th day of December A.D. 865. Amanda X her mark
Witness } J. A. Bankhill M. R. Graham

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State of Alabama County of Montgomery June 8th 1865
We the undersigned laborers do contract to work on Mr. P. R. Gattan's place for the remainder of this year under his direction for food, clothing, medical attendance and fuel and one third (⅓) of his growing crop it to be divided according to the merit of each said, Washington, Eliza, Mariah, Hampton, Hannah, Tilly, Willis, Gregg, Tucker, Tom, Green, William, Rosen, Charlie, Simon, Jones, Betsey, Little Simon, Baker, Patty, S. Green, Moriah, Jacob.
We do certify that this contract has been agreed to by all the laborers therein named.
Jessie N. Payne

State of Alabama County of Montgomery June 8th 1865
We the undersigned laborers do contract to work for Mr. P. R. Gattan the rest of this year for food, clothing, houses, fuel &c. Willis, Melvind, Lucy, Betsey, Sallie, Violet, Celia, Lewis, 4 Dollars per month June Nicy, Jake, 6 Dollars per month.
We do certify that this contract has been agreed to by every one therein mentioned.
Jessie N. Payne

The State of Alabama Lowndes County
This indenture made and entered into between James A Graham of the County and State aforesaid of the first part and Mark, Hector, Tilley, Uriah, Harrison, Jesse, Robert and John of the second part originally Slaves of said James A Graham Witnesses That said James A Graham in consideration

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of the Services rendered by said name freedmen according to the regulations issued by the Superintendant of Freedmens Bureau hereby obligate and bind myself to give said named freedmen one sixth of the corn and potatoes grown and gathered on the plantation of said James A Graham, also Sonny, June and five children, Mary and two children, Fannie and one child, their victuals and clothes for Services rendered during said year, and the above named negroes are to work as they have worked heretofore. Saturday evening excepted.
Witnesses } James R. Ruff
Saml E. Harris James A Graham

The State of Alabama Coosa County June 13th 1865
Articles of agreement between Mariah Grey of the one part, Harrick, Clara and Julia Freedwomen of the other part. The said Harrick, Clara and Julia freedwomen do hereby agree to remain with the said Mariah Grey and labor for her as heretofore and in consideration of the above the said Mariah Gay doth obligate herself to find and cloth and furnish medical assistance to the said freedwomen as heretofore In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, Harrick X, Clara X, Julia X Mariah Gay X
This is to certify that we were present and saw Mariah Gay, Harrick, Clara and Julia sign this contract and we further certify that Mariah Gay is able to furnish medical assistance when necessary
Saml Barber
R. Jordan

The State of Alabama Talladega County
In obedience the order published by Thos H. Conway Superintendent of Freedmen of the U.S. authority aforesaid made and entered into the 20 day of July 1865 between Sarah Gray of the County and State aforesaid of the first part and Andy Freedman of the second part Witnesseth The party of the first part agrees to furnish the second part with good wholesome food, clothing, fuel and medical attention in case of sickness. the party of the second part agrees to work for the first part

in consideration of food raiment medical attention house rent and fuel the balance of the years one thousand eight hundred and ~~sixty~~ five and to work as steady expected from hired freedmen.

Witnesses } A. J. Mallican Sarah Gray
D. J. Gray Andey x his mark

2d have this day entered with the following contract with the following freedmen and freedwomen formerly Slaves belonging to me Viz Tom not stated 45 years old. Booker 45. Little Tom 30. Abram 30 not stated Lafayett 25. Jessie 15 John 14. Susan 45 with 3 small children June 37 with 2 small children. Harriet 25 with 3 small children. Nellie 25 with 1 small child. Phoeba 25. I agree to give these freed people one half the corn that shall be gathered on the Brooks place about 80 acres of land planted in corn and one fourth part of the wheat crop raised by me the present year this produce to be divided among the said freed people equitably according to their several abilities to render effective labor. I also agree to feed clothe pay doctors bills and furnish house and fuel for these laborers. And the said freed people are to labor on my farm in accordance with late regulations laid down by the Govt. Superintendent for the State of Alabama dated 26th May 1865, until the 25th of December 1865, June 5th 1865. Besides the laborers named above there is on the farm one old woman about 65 years old and diseased which I agree to feed clothe pay doctors bill and furnish house and fuel for the balance of the year 1865 I also agree to do the same by a little girl by the name of Josephine about 9 or 10 years old. Tom x his mark Booker x. Little Tom x Abram x. Lafayett x. Jessie. John x Susan x June x Harriet x. Nellie x. Phoebe x. Mitchell Graham
Witnesses } Robert Russell. Jos. W. Flowers

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State of Alabama Autauga County
This indenture made and entered into this the 19th day of June 1865 by and between Mary F. Gleason of the first part of the County and ~~State~~ State aforesaid, Morrison Wife and his children minors under 18 years of age freedpersons of color formerly Slaves of H. S. Hansen of County and State aforesaid of the second part witnesseth that the said parties of the first and second party have stipulated and agreed as follows to Wit The said party of the second part promises and agrees to serve the said party of the first part faithfully and diligently as laborers on her plantation in the County of Autauga and to obey all the just and lawful commands touching their duties as laborers as aforesaid for and during the remainder of the present year and the said party of the first for and in consideration of the promises and agreements above set forth promises and agrees to furnish the said party of the second part with food clothing full houses to live in during the remainder of the present year and to treat them humanely and in addition to this she promises to give him 18 cords of wood payable 6 cords 1st of August 6 12th of October 6 1st of December In testimony whereof the said parties of the 1st and 2nd parts have hereunto set their hands and affixed their Seals on the day and year above written. Morrison x his mark Wife x her mark
M. F. Gleason

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This is to certify that we have questioned and examined the above named freedmen and they express themselves satisfied with the above Contract.

W. D. Summer Jr.
W. B. Avery

Memorandum of contract J. J. Hobbie in the one part and Cinco a freedwoman on the other 1st J. J. Hobbie is to feed, clothe, furnish house, hall and medecal attention for her from this June the 7th 1865 until January 1866 for her Services for which she is to perform faithfully any bad conduct or willful disobedience lays her liable to be discharged from her home her clothing is to be such as is usualy worn on plantations by freedmen and women.

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Witnesses } G. Long — J. J. Hobbie
W. B. Amerson — Cinco x her mark

Memorandum of contract between Gilbert Long on the one part and the freedmen and women on the other part. 1st Gilbert Long is to feed, clothe, furnish medical attention from this June 7th 1865 until January 1866 for their Services as laborers in his farm; any bad conduct or willful disobedience will lay them liable to be discharged from this place at any time. Jorden x John x. Dan Jorden x. Dave x Mary. Antonette x Vener x Paly x. Clancy x. Caroline x Jane x

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Witnesses } W. B. Amerson
J. J. Hobbie — G. Long

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The State of Alabama Coffee County
Articles of agreement between Martha Beck of the first part and Peter a freedman aged two years of the second part. The party of the first part agrees to hire the party of the second part the ballance of the year 1865 and to pay him two acres of corn two ps. of pants two shirts. shoes and pay his medical bill and feed him this year made our hands this June 15th 1865.

Witnesses } W. C. Simmons — Martha Beck x her mark
Robert x his mark — Peter x his mark

State of Alabama Montgomery County June 21st 1865
Contract entered into between Robert Boyd and Ving a freedwoman. The said Ving and five children are to faithfully Serve and obey the said Boyd until the 20th day of December next and in consideration of said Service are to receive board two suits of clothes one pair of Shoes medical attention when sick and one acre of corn. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and Seals in presence of

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Witnesses } Allen Bradly — Robert Boyd
J. J. Boyd — Ving x her mark

State of Alabama Montgomery County June 21st 1865
Contract between Robert Boyd and Amy a freedwoman. The said Amy and five children are to faithfull Serve and obey the said Boyd until the 20th day of December 1865 and in consideration of said Services are to receive board two suits of clothes one pair of Shoes and medical attention when sick. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and Seals in the presence of

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Witnesses } W. H. Chambers — Robert Boyd
J. J. Boyd — Amy x her mark

State of Alabama Montgomery County June 21st 1865
Contract entered into between Robert Boyd and Henry a freedman. The said Henry is to faithfully Serve and obey the said Boyd until the 25th day of December next. and in consideration of such Service is to receive two suits of clothing one pair of Shoes. and one medical attention when sick and one acre of corn. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and Seals in the presence of.

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Witnesses } Allen Bradley — Robert Boyd
J. J. Boyd — Henry x his mark

State of Alabama Montgomery County June 21st 1865
Contract entered into between Robert Boyd and Andrew a freedman. The said freedman is to faithfully Serve and obey the said Boyd until the 25th day of December next. and in consideration of said Services is to receive board two suits of clothes one

pair of shoes. medical attention when sick
and one acre of corn. In witness whereof we
have hereunto set our hands and Seals in
the presence of
Witness } Allen Bradly — Robert Boyd
J. J. Boyd — Andrew x his mark

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State of Alabama Montgomery County June 21st 1865
Contract entered into between Robert Boyd and
Dave a freedman. the said Dave is faithfull to
serve and obey the said Boyd until the 25th day
of December next and in consideration of said
Services is to receive board. two suits of clothes
one pair of shoes, medical attention when
sick and one acre of corn. In witness
whereof we have hereunto set our hands
and Seals in the presence of
Witness } W. K. Chambers — Robert Boyd
J. J. Boyd — Dave x his mark

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State of Alabama Montgomery County June 21st 1865
Contract entered into between Robert Boyd
and Nick a freedwoman. The said Nick is to
faithfully serve and obey said Boyd until the 25th
day of December next and in consideration of
said Services is to receive board. two suits
of clothes, one pair of shoes, medical attention
when sick and one acre of corn. In witness
whereof we have hereunto set our hands and
Seals in the presence of
Witness } Allen Bradly — Robert Boyd
J. J. Boyd — Nick x her mark

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The State of Alabama Montgomery County
Contract between A. S. Braham and colored
man Seyear having been agreed to labor
from the 1st of June until the 1st of January
1866 for forty bushels of corn two suits of
clothes two pair of shoes, medical attention
food, house and fuel. he is to be an Medicine
laborer and obey the said Braham in all
business if not the contract will be

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forfeited
Witness } J. S. Skinner — A. S. Braham
H. R. Hardy — Seyear x his mark

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The State of Alabama Montgomery County
Contract between A. S. Braham and colored woman
and two children Susan, Cudick & Leath having
here agreed to labor for one acre of corn two suits
of clothes one pair of shoes, medical attention food &
fuel and house. the said colored woman and
children are to be obedient laborers and obey the
said Braham in all business if not this contract
will be forfeited. Susan x her mark Cudick x his mark
Witness } J. S. Skinner — Leath x her mark
H. R. Hardy — A. S. Braham

Wetumpka July 10th 1865

Know all men by these presents that this agreement
entered into this between Francis Brain of
the first part and Catharine Colored of the second
part witnesseth that the said party of the first part
agrees to give the party of the second part food
and suit of clothes. & pay medical bill, lodging and
fuel and to pay her three dollars per month.
for and in consideration of which the said party
of the second part agrees to work for the said
party of the first part until the first day of January
next under the rules prescribed or which may
be prescribed by the Freedmens Bureau for
Alabama; the work to be done to be such as is usualy
performed by females. Given under our hands
and Seals this 10th day of July 1865
Witness } Geo. L. Main — Francis Brain
H. C. Moore — Catharine x her mark

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State of Alabama Montgomery County
Contract entered into this day June 12th 1865 between
Winnyford Boyd and Ann and Saundy freed-
women. The said Winnyford Boyd agrees to
feed, clothe and furnish medical attention to the
said Ann and Saundy and the said Ann
and Cundy bind themselves to remain on

the plantation and work as heretofore and
be subject to the said Winnyford Boyds orders
until 25th day of December 1865 Signed in
the presence of
Witnesses Ann x her mark
W. A. Meddleton Sandes x her mark
A. N. Meddleton Winneford Boyd x his mark
Montgomery Ala. June 15th 1865.
We the undersigned. Edmund. Thomas. Doc
Rodd and Henry. freedmen formerly belonging
to Mr. Jacob Bruce of Lowndes County
Ala. have this day contract with the
said Bruce to labor faithfully on his
plantation until the 1st day of January
1866. he agreeing to feed. cloth and pay
our medical bills during that time.
In testimony whereof we have hereunto
set our hands and seals. Edmund x his mark.
Thomas x his mark. Doc x his mark. Rodd x his mark
Henry x his mark.
Witnesses } W. J. Brocket
G. D. Collins

The State of Alabama Butler County
Articles of agreement entered into between
S. J. Bolling and the following named negroes
viz: John and his wife Martha and their eight
children to wit: Caroline. Harriet. Emily and Mary
Sallie. Abram. Louisa. Amanda. Albert. Nancy
the child of Caroline. Eddy. Bunge. Hagar and his wife Elizabeth and him with
their five children to wit Cornelia. Rhoda and her four children to wit Margret
Lucy. Jane and Tony. and Lucy an old diseased
negro the mother of Rhoda Yellow Tom and his
wife Jane and their five children to wit Martha
Dr. Rose. Wade. and Alabama. and Jim the
child of Martha. In consideration of the services
of the said negroes for the Ballance of the year 1865
the said Bolling agrees to feed and clothe the
negroes above named and to shoe those that
work out in the field and to give them one
half of the corn and fodder made on the work

half of the Tigem creek plantation and one
fourth of the corn and fodder made at the plan-
tation known as the Old Mrs. Bean place also
one half of the peas and potatoes made at
both places and also one fourth of the sugar
cane and Leighton Syrup after seeving enough
of the seed and cane for a crop of the same in
1866. the same quantity that will plant the
same quantity of land that was planted the
present year and also one half of the rice. and
in consideration of the foregoing said negroes
agree to cultivate faithfull the crops planted on
said plantations. to be obedient and to observe
the directions of said Bolling or whoever he may
employ to Superintend his business. They are to
tend well to the Stock to keep the plantation in
good repair and to attend generaly to the interest
and business of said Bolling. to keep the tools in order
to gather the crops in due season and take care of
the same. and to divide their proportion of
the crops equitably among themselves according
to the labor performed by each. the women to card
and Spin and make themselves generaly useful
in the premises and to work in the field those
that can. when not otherwise engaged in the
crops said negroes are to Split rails and do
other plantation work. Given under my hand
June the 14th 1865
Witnesses } W. H. Lann
Coleman. A. Gwynn S. J. Bolling

State of Alabama Butler County
This agreement made and entered into between
John S. Brooks of the first part and Fran Ann his
wife Harriet with two children. Lewis. Philby
with one child. Pate. Adam. Wash. Phillip. June
with one child. Phenia. Milly. Tom. with two
children. Mary Jane. with his children. Scott
with children. Bettie with children. Mary
all of the second part all of the County and

and State aforsaid Witnesseth That the said parties agree to make a crop together in the year 1865 on the following terms to wit: That the party of the first part agrees to furnish nine head of plough Stock and provisions for the Same and find clothe burned house room medical attention and fuel and shoe the parties of the second part they allowing a deduction of the cost of clothing and Shoes made from their portion of the product of the farm when harvested. That he is to give them one third of the corn, Rice Sugar and millet after the Superintendant of the farm has been paid for his services. That the parties of the second part agree not to absent themselves from the farm during the working days of the week unless to attend some lawful call, and to do all things which a faithfull Superintendant may require of them. It is agreed that there is three hundred acres of land in cultivation all in corn, Rice and millet. Green x. Lewis x. Thim x. Pete x. Phoeba x. Jane x. Hamick x. Alex x. Mary x. Peggy x. Linda x. Phiby x. Henry x. Wash x. Milly x Betty Phillis x. Turner x. Tiddy x. Signed in the presence of

Witnesses } N. B. Peacock
John D. McPherson J. S. Brooks

The State of Alabama Butler County

Articles of agreement made and entered into between S. J. Bolling and the following named negroes to wit: John Hamilton, Moses Amos and Hamick. The said S. J. Bolling agrees to give the said John Hamilton, Moses and Amos one fourth of the crop of corn made on his plantation cultivated by them

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about two and a half miles each of Greenville and one half of the fodder also one half of the potatoes and to feed and clothe the three negroes first above named, agree to cultivate the present crop of corn potatoes and peas and to secure the fodder, to keep the fencing in good repair, to gather the crop and to sow down a wheat crop in the fall and other small grain if required so to do by said Bolling. The said woman Hamick is to cook for herself and the other negroes that work on said plantation, and she is to work in the potatoes and to help pick peas and to card and spin and she is to have a prorata share of the crop of peas and potatoes with the other three negroes above named and she is to make herself generally useful on the premises and she is to be maintained as the other negroes above named, and said Bolling agrees to treat said negroes with kindness and humanity and said negroes agree to be obedient and respectfull and to attend well to the Stock on the plantation and to attend to the interest of said Bolling Generally, in default of any of the negroes to perform their part of this contract, they forfeit their interest in said crop. Given under my hands. John, Hamilton, Moses, Amos

Witnesses } John Bolling
J. S. Moody S. J. Bolling

State of Alabama Pike County

This indenture made and entered into on the 6th day of June 1865 between Sarah H. Boone of the County and State aforesaid of the 1st part and Bob, Francis his wife, and Phil, Martha and John their children, people of color of the second part witnesseth that for and in consideration of services properly and faithfully rendered according to the regulations issued

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from the Bureau of Free Labor Montgomery Ala. May 26th 1865 by the said Bob. Frank. Phil. Martha and Jake, people of color the said Sarah H. Bond hereby promises and obligates herself to furnish them rations suitable clothing. house room. fuel and pay all necessary medicil bills and also give them what is grown in their patch containing one and a half acres of land. Signed on the day and year above written in the presence of.

Witnesses — Bob x his mark
Jno. Gamble — Sarah x her mark
Jas M Bond — Sarah Bond

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State of Alabama Pike County
This indenture made and entered into on the 5th day of June 1865 between Sarah Bond of the County and State aforesaid of the first part and Green. Hamik. Cheny and Henry people of color of the second part Witnesseth. That for and in consideration of Services properly and faithfully rendered according to the regulations issued by the Bureau of Free Labor Montgomery Ala May 26th 1865 by the said Green. Hamik. Cheny. and Henry. people of color. the said Sarah H Bond hereby obligates and promises to furnish them rations suitable clothing. house room. fuel and pay all necessary medical bills. The said Sarah Bond also obligates herself to give to the said Green a male of color what is grown on his patch containing one acre of land. Signed on the day and date above written. In presence of. Henry x. Green x. Hamick x. Cheny x.

Witnesses } Jno. Gamble
Jas M. Bond — Sarah Bond

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The State of Alabama Coosa County
Articles of agreement between Isaiah Barker of the one part and George. Matilda. Minnie. Ann and her two children and Coleman her husband who formerly belonged to mr. Geo. Stenningham of the other part as follows. The said George. Matilda. minnie ann and Coleman do agree to remain with and serve the said Isaiah the balance of this year as they have done heretofore and they declare themselves perfectly satisfied to do so, and in consideration of the above the said Isaiah Barker doth obligate himself to feed, clothe and shod the said George. Matilda. Minnie. Ann and her husband Coleman and two children and furnish medical assistance when necessary

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Signed this the 13th Day of June 1865. George x. Matilda x. Minnie x. Ann. x Coleman x.

Isaiah Barker

This is to certify that we the undersigned saw the parties Sign the above contract and we further certify that Isaiah Barker is able to furnish medical assistance when necessary

W. T. Flemming
Wm H. Barker

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The State of Alabama Coosa County June 6th 1865
It is agreed between the employer O. C. Bentley and Alford the laborer that said laborer remain and work for O. C. Bentley until Christmas next and it is agreed further that for the hire of said laborer that O. C. Bentley will pay him fifteen bushels of Corn 100 lbs of Pork and fifteen dollars in money and one row (or 1/3 of the crop just as they may agree upon) further O. C. Bentley is to furnish said laborer food. clothing. house room. medical attention &c. Agreed to and Signed in the presence of

Alford x his mark
O. C. Bentley

Witnesses } J. H. Taylor
Williamson Spears

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The State of Alabama Butler County
In accordance with published Labor Regulations of Thos. H. Conways Genl Supt of Freedmen of the above State the following is a contract entered into between C. Barnett and Lelia Barnett. The said C. Barnett on his part promises to furnish the above named negro a good home, fuel, rations clothing, nurse her when sick and pay her doctors bill in a word treat her as usual in every respect and the above said negro promises on her part to work faithfully for the said Barnett until the first day of January next as a good faithfull Servant not only on the plantation but elsewhere. Given under our hands and Seals Augt the 5th 1865.

Witnesses } J. K. Manchus — Delia x her mark
J. S. Askley — C. Barnett

State of Alabama Lowndes County June 5th 1865
This is to certify that I have hired and employed the freedman Isaac Tally on the period of three months commencing on the 5th day of June 1865 and ending on the 5th day of September 1865 for which labor I promise to pay nine bushels of corn each month delivered at my house when the same is gathered. Also I promise to furnish him food, quarters, one pr. pants one shirt at the expiration of the time and pay his Doctors bill. Witness my hand.

J. B. Peck

The foregoing contract was correctly read to the above named negro man Isaac when asked if he was willing to take what was offered her answered in the affirmative before me. Signed and agreed to

Franklin Anthony
Cornwell Dollaway

Contract made and concluded on the 17th day of June 1865 to and between Nancy Boitt of Covington County and State of Alabama of the first part and Rachel and Amy of the County and State aforesaid of the second part and the party of the second part do hereby covenant and agree to and with the party of the first part to labor with and on her farm or plantation in doing any kind of labor that may be required on said farm from now until Christmas for their food raiment and Doctors bill in case of sickness to be given to them and families including in all six (6) and the party of the first part covenants and agrees to comply with the request of the party of the second part. In witness whereof the parties have hereunto set their hands and seals to these presents the date and year first above written.

Witnesses } Green Montgomery — Nancy Boitt x her mark
J. D. Chapman — Rachel x her mark
Amy x her mark

State of Alabama Covington County June 12th 1865
I Loyd Butler before the undersigned witnesses report the contract agreed upon between myself and freedmen until Christmas or further orders the contract is as follows, for their labor or hire their victuals, clothes and Doctors bill we the freedmen agree and sign our names to the foregoing contract. Major x his mark. Frank x his mark. Abram x his mark. Rachel x his mark.

Witnesses } J. H. Veazey
S. D. Veazey — Loyd Butler x his mark

The State of Alabama Pike County
Memoranda of an agreement entered into between P. H. Brown of the first and Ephraim, George, Jno. Lothia, Martha, Eta, Angeline, Nagrett, Jane Lewis and Coleman of the second part, the parties of the second part having no design to leave their present home but being anxious of continuing in the employment of the party of the

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first part have this day entered into contract with the party of the first part as follows the parties of the second part agree to stay with the party of the first in the capacities of laborers in the varied employment of the farms and to the best of their abilities & perform the various duties faithfully and well until the end of the year. The party of the first agrees to furnish teams and all tools need upon plantations to feed said teams to feed clothe furnish medical attention in sickness and fuel at all times in accordance with section 2d of Genl Orders from Maj. Genl Smith dated May 26th 1865. The party of the first part further agrees to take care of thirteen children upon the place who are unable to earn a living. And further promises to give to the laborers one half of all corn and peas made on the farms after a supply is put up for another year the amount agreed upon for that supply being one thousand bushels of corn and fifty bushels of peas. Ephraim x. George x. Joe x. Sophia x. Martha x. Angeline x Eliza x. Margit x. Jane x. Lucy x. Coleman x.

S. H. Brown

This is to certify that we S. B. Livingston A. Livingston and G. Brown being personaly acquainted with the contracting parties think the wages offered liberal as there are a large number of children to provide for and some of the hands are second and third rate and we further state that we heard the above said instrument of contract read in the hearing of the parties and they willingly affixed their signatures or marks. June 5th 1865

S. B. Livingston
A. Livingston
John G. Brown

State of Alabama Hickory Grove June 6th 1865

I hereby promise and bargain to remain with S. S. Bingamy until the first day of January next 1866 and do all kind of labor necessary about his farm and premises that he may require of me laboring the usual hours of laborers and attending strictly to his time at any time when professionally called & otherwise and furnish my clothing for the sum of five dollars per month with my medical bills furnished. and all time lost by me by sickness or otherwise will be deducted from my wages.

Witnesses { J. M. Moncrief
R. C. Morris

Henry his mark

State of Alabama Hickory Grove June 6th 1865

I hereby promise and bargain to remain with S. S. Bingamy in company with my husband Henry until the first day of January next 1866 and do all kinds of labor necessary for him about his house and premises that he may require of me laboring the usual hours of laborers he furnishing my provisions clothing and medical bills at the same time furnishing the same to my two children Margret who is ten years old and Isaac who is eighteen months old

Witnesses { J. M. Moncrief
R. C. Morris

Margret x her mark

The State of Alabama Montgomery County

Contract made and concluded on the 1st day of June 1865 by and between Reuben H Brower of the said County and State of the first part and the following named negroes Tom and his wife Judy and family. Mollie and her family Austin. Moses. Tom. Mary. Old Tom and his wife. Rachel. Dunkey. Steve. Old Jack. Linda and her family and Tom of the second part. The parties of second part covenant and agree with the party of the first part that they will per-

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from all necessary farm work in the plantation of said Brewer and such things as he may direct them to do until the first day of January A. D. 1866 and the said party of the first part covenants and agrees that he will furnish said parties of the second part food, clothing, medical attention house room and fuel during the above specified time and also to divide among them the said negroes one fifth of the corn, potatoes, peas, rice and syrup that may be made and gathered on said farm. In witness whereof we parties thereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year above written

June 17th 1865

Witness { C. W. Buckley R. D. Brewer

State of Alabama Dallas County

This contract entered into in conformity and by force and virtue of a late order issued by Superintendent Genl. T. W. Conway of the Freedmens Bureau, on this 23d day of June between James Vaughan of the one part and Lucy about forty years of age, Henry about 21 years of age, Ben 16 years of age, Susan 14 years of age, Caroline 18 years of age, Phoby 11 years of age, Legacy about 38 years of age, Tom 21 years of age, Mary 17 years of age, Doublin 12 years of age, Bob 22 year of age, Jeff. Carlton about 30 years of age, Brooks about 46 years of age and Nelt about 12 years of age of the second part. All of whom are freedmen and women by force of said late order. The said James Vaughan for and in consideration of the agreement of the second part agrees to furnish clothing, provisions, proper medical attention, medicine, house room and fuel for three of the second part, for and in consideration of the agreement of him of

the first part, We of the second part agree to make good and faithfull hands in attending to all the duties that may be required of us in carrying on the farming interest of James Vaughan of the first part and we agree to be subject to the same control of the said James Vaughan as we have heretofore been subject to, this contract for the year 1865 and to end on the 1st day of January 1866. This agreement made and entered into on the day and year above written and signed in the presence of, Lucy x, Henry x, Ben x, Caroline x, Grace x, Phoby x, Legacy x, Tom x, Mary x, Doublin x, Bob x, Carlton x, Brooks x, Nelt x,

Witness { Allen D. Standmeet Jas Vaughan

The State of Alabama Butler County

In accordance with the published rules regulating of Thos W. Conway Genl Superintendent of Freedmen of the above State, the following is a contract entered into between John S Caupell and the following named negroes, Mary and her four children, Henry, Fannie, Tom and Ella Ann and her three children, William, Emma and Ed and Henna, the said Caupell promises and agrees to furnish the above said negroes good homes, food, rations, clothing, nurse them when sick and pay their Doctors bill in a word treat them kind, and the said negroes on their part promises and agree to work faithfully for the said Caupell until the first day of January next and be good and obedient servants not only on the plantation but elsewhere. Given under our hands this 13th day of June 1865.

Witnesses John S Caupell
J. C. Ames Mary x her mark
J. C. McCa Tyeire Ann x her mark
  Henry x his mark

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State of Alabama Chambers County
Articles of agreement entered into between
Elizabeth Selman on the one part and
the undersigned freed men women and
children my former slaves on the other part
witnesseth that I Elizabeth Selman pledge
myself to furnish to one slave but now
freed men women and children with houses
to live in feed clothe and shoe them as
I formerly have done furnish tool and
medical attention for their services during
the present year until the 25th day of
December next. As a consideration for the
above Mc Hampton aged 22, Louisa aged 35
and her six children Lawson aged 14, Green
aged 12, Dinah Jr. aged 8, Anny aged 6, Bob aged 4,
Sally aged 2, Dinah Senior aged 90, Elin Jr age 14,
Elin Senior age 35 bind ourselves severally and
individually to faithfully labor as hirelings
and attend strictly to all orders that are
given by the said Elizabeth Selman or her
representative according to the best of our
several abilities and should we or either
of us fail to do so we forfeit our right
to claim of the said Elizabeth Selman her
part of this obligation. In testimony whereof
we have set our names by making our
marks in presence of the subscribed witnesses
This the 14th day of July 1865. Hampston x his mark
Witnesses: Jno. Davis, Thos D. Ratchford, H. S. Hill
Lucien x his mark
Elin x his mark
Elin Jr x her mark

The State of Alabama Tallapoosa County
In obedience to an order published by Thos H.
Conway Asst Superintendent of Freedmen the
following agreement made and entered into
the first day of July 1865 between Elijah
Veazey of the County and State aforesaid
of the first part and Ishmeal a negro
man of the second part (witnesseth) the party
of the first part agrees to furnish clothing
and holesome food medical attention in case
of sickness and good house and fuel and ten
(10) bushels of corn. The party of the second part
in consideration of clothing food medical attention
and ten (10) bushels of corn agrees to work
for the party of the first part and perform good
and faithful labor as is usualy expected of
hired negroes until the first of January 1866
Elijah Veazey
Ishmeal x his mark
We the under signed do certify upon honor
that the above contract was made in our presence
this the 1st day of July 1865.
M. A. Veazey
Sam. M. Smith

The State of Alabama Tallapoosa County
In obedience to regulations published by Thos H.
Conway Asst Superintendent of Freedmen the following
agreement made and entered into this July the 1st 1865
between Mary Veazey Administratrix of the estate of
W. Veazey deceased of the County and State aforesaid of
the first part and Hannah a negro man and Matilda a
negro woman and her two children under five years
old and Julia a negro girl fourteen years age of the
second part Witnesseth. The party of the first part agrees
to furnish clothing, good wholesome food, medical attention
in case of sickness, good houses and fuel. The party of the
second part in consideration of food, said clothing
and medical attention in case of sickness agrees to work
for the said party of the first part and perform
good and faithful labor for the ensuing portion of the
year 1865 or until the 1st of January 1866. Hannah x
Matilda x Julia x
Mary Veazey
We the undersigned do certify upon honor that the
above contract was made in our presence. Elijah Veazey
S. R. Priest

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State of Alabama Shelby County June 26th 1865
I Francis M Vines do promise and agree to pay to Alfred of color (A) years of age for services to be rendered from this date until the 25 day of December next two shirts two pairs of pants two pair of shoes and one hat and furnish provision clothing to be furnished as said Alfred may need & require.

Francis M Vines

I the aforesaid Alfred do promise and agree with the said Vines to render him as good service and perform as much labor as I am able so to do from this date until the 25th day of December 1865 & he is also furnish quarters fuel and medical attention.

Witnesses { William Vines
W. K. Gore × his mark Alfred Cole × his mark

The State of Alabama Talladega County
Whereas it is required by published regulations of Thos H. Conway Superintendent of Freedmens Bureau for the State of Alabama and in compliance with the same the following agreement is made and entered into by and between Jabish Vines of said County and State of the first part and the following named negroes freedmen of the second part Viz: Silly sixty years old. Toby 46 years old. Georgeann 20 years old. Charlott 24 years old. and two children Edmond 25 years old and Wesley 22 years old Henry 27 years old Betty 20 years old and one child. Mary 50 years old and one child Billy sixteen years old Witnesseth that the party of the first part agrees to furnish those of the second part all proper and necessary food. clothing. fuel. house room and medical attendance for the present year 1865 and in consideration of which compensation they of the second part agree and promise to labor faithfully and diligently for him of the first part and obey him of the first part his

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family or agents and do and perform all labors that he of the first part may assign to them promptly and punctually and to be subject to his control and orders, and to be respectfull in their demeanor to him of the first part his family and agents. It is understood that the agreement is binding on the parties until the 1st day of January 1866 unless sooner cancled by the mutual agreement of the parties. Witness our hands this 15th day of July 1865. Silly × Henry × Charlott × Georgeann × Betty × Mary × Edmond × Wesley × Henry × Billy ×

Witnesses { E. N. Sanders
James A Scott Jabish Vines

This is to certify that the following named negroes whose names are annexed hereto are employed by me on my plantation for clothing, rations and medical attendance Viz; George, Frances his wife. Priscilla and children. Willis, Sarah, Cloy, Jane and children.

Witness S. Cox Isaac Vincent Sup.

The State of Alabama Talladega County
Whereas it is required by the published regulations of Thos H. Conway Superintendent of Freedmens Bureau for the State of Alabama and in compliance with the same the following agreement is made and entered into by and between S. J. Vines of said County and State of the first part and the following named negroes freedmen of the second part Viz: George 20 years old. Lucy 23 years old and one child. Emily 19 years old and one child. Ellen 17 years old. Phebe 13 years old. Dolly 13 years old and Jane 21 years old. Witnesseth. That he of the first part agrees to furnish those of the second part all proper and necessary food. clothing. fuel. house room and medical attendance for the present year 1865 and in consideration of which compensation they of the second part agree and promise to labor faithfully and diligently for him of the first part and to obey him of the first part his family

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or agent and do and perform all labor & duty that he of they will point may assign to them carefully and punctually and to be subject to his control and order as heretofore and to be respectfull to him & the lady point his family or agent. It is understood that this agreement is binding on the parties until the 1st day of January 1866 unless sooner cancelled by mutual consent or agreement of the parties. Witness our hands and seals this the 18th day of July 1865. George L Ivey x
Emily x Ellen x Phebe x Polly x Lucy x
Witnesses } Henry W Sanders
James A Hart Jr B. F. Davis

State of Alabama Bowen County
Articles of agreement entered into between John Varners Sr and his free laborers on 5th day of June 1865 Whereas the said John Varners Sr on his part agrees to give to the undersigned free laborers the following share of the present growing crop viz: one half of all that is made after the overseer is paid out of the crops this portion being the eleventh 11th of all that is made and further the said John Varner Sr gives the undersigned free laborers their individual crops exclusive of the portion above stated and we the undersigned free laborers on our part bind ourselves to faithfully work and cultivate said crop and gather the same and if any of us as free laborers forfeit our contract said defaulters portion falls back to the said John Varner Sr and said defaulter loses his entire portion of the crop. and further the said John Varner agrees to find clothe and furnish medical attention if any necessary until said crop is made and gathered. Signed in the presence of. Wilcher. George. Vains. Joseph. John. Williams. Aaby. Stephen. Mandy. Ann Francis. Caroline. Nancy Sr. Nancy Cr. Molly Julia. Rachael. Sidney.

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M. H. Glenn
Witnesses } Joel Gulledg
W. M. Wyatt

John Varner Sr

State of Alabama Bowen County
Articles of agreement entered into between E. G. Varner and his free laborers on the 5th day of June 1865 Whereas the said E. G. Varner on his part agrees to furnish his free laborers to wit: Dolly Lucy & Jane with one fourth of what is made and the balance of the laborers agree to stay with me for the remaining portion of the present year for their food, clothing and medical attendance as they are all with helpless families except the first above named, and we the laborers on our part bind ourselves to faithfully work, cultivate and gather the said crop and after said crop is gathered they are at liberty to go at any time and said contract is of no force after the present year 1865. Abram. Alfred. Eliza. Nancy. Susannah, Catharine
Witnesses } Robt L. Hall
M. H. Glenn E. G. Varner

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State of Alabama Talladega County
This agreement made and entered into between Charles & Olive and Abraham a freedman of said County aged about two years. Witnesseth that the said Olive employer agrees on his part to furnish the said Abraham with lodging all necessary food and clothing sufficient bed and to attend said Abraham when sick and if necessary employ a physician to attend said Abraham and in consideration of the above named benefits said Abraham agrees to labor diligently for said Olive on the farm until the first day of January 1866. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands June 14th 1865. Signed in the presence of
Witnesses } William Hay Abraham x his mark
James E Long Charles & Olive

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State of Alabama Pike County.
Articles of agreement entered into between
Mary M. Owen of the one part and a certain
freedwoman to wit Amelia aged 14 years
Art 1st I Amelia do bind myself to render to
the said Mary M. Owen my former more good
and faithfull service to remain on said
premises to obey all reasonable orders to show
due respect to her and family to look after
her interests and in all respects to be a faith-
full obedient honest and industrious laborer
and for failure to comply with the above
obligation I agree to forfeit all claims and
considerations hereinafter set forth. Art 2nd I
Mary M Owen on my part obligate to
furnish the above freedwoman with provisions
Clothing comfortable Quarters and medical
attention in consideration of the above
promised faithfull service. We mutually agree
that the above obligation shall remain in
full force until the 1st January next unless
rendered null and void by legislative action
June 20th 1865
Witnesses } Jno. W. A. Jackson. Mary M Owen
P. L. Jackson Amelia x her mark

The State of Alabama Butler County
In accordance with the published labor
regulations of Thos H. Conway Genl Supt
for freedmen for the above State. The following
contract is entered into between S. B. Owens
and the following named negroes to wit
Dave his wife Letty and two children Lizzie and
Wesley. Robin and his wife Jane and three
Children Jim. Albert and Margret. Ted and
his wife Louisa and five children. Mack
mah. Arthur. David and Lavinia. Dick and
his wife Lulia and one child Ellick. Evaline
and her child Owens. Maria. Caroline and
her child Lucy. Parmer and his mother

Harriet (15 years old). Brother. Sallie. Isaiah and his
little brother Jonah. The said Owens in his part
promises and agrees to furnish the said negroes
good houses. food. rations and clothing nurse them
in sickness and pay their Doctors bill in a word
treat them as well as usual in every respect and
the above said negroes promised to work faithfull
for the said Owens until the 1st of January next and
be good and obedient servants on the plantation
or elsewhere. Given under our hands this the 12th
June 1865. Dave and family x. Robert and family x
Ted and family x. Dick and family x. Adaline and
family x. Maria x. Caroline x. Parmer x. Brooker x
Sallie x. Isaiah. and brother x.
Witnesses } J. S. Campbell
H. McGlynn J. B. Owens

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State of Alabama Lowndes County
The following contract made and entered
into between Dr. J. B. Owen on the one part and
the laborers on his plantation whose names
are signed to this contract on the other part
to Wit: Said laborers agree to cultivate all the
crops now planted or any that may be hereafter
planted on the plantation of Dr. J. B. Owen
during the remainder of the year 1865 and in
consideration of the above labor the said Dr.
Owens agrees to furnish food. comfortable
quarters. clothing. medical attendance and
fuel to all of the said laborers he also agrees
to pay them one third of the corn. such
potatoes and cornfield peas produced by their
labor in the said plantation during the present
year. It is agreed that wages or portions of
crops will be deducted for time lost in case
of sickness and both party and rations where
the party refuses to work when able to do so
It is also understood and agreed that said
laborers attend strictly and closely to every
department of business connected with said

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plantation and that they are all to work
by the contract until the end of the present
year and if they abandon their work before
that time they will forfeit their wages. Such
of these laborers as have children to young
to work agree to have deducted from their
share an amount equal to that which is
consumed in the support of such children
during the period contracted for. The above
named laborers agree to be governed in their
labor by Dr Owen or his agent. The share
of each laborer at the division of the
crop shall be determined by the class to
which he or she may belong. John X. Andrew
Henry X. Bolt X. Louisa X. Nancy X. Marian X Lucius X
Milly X. Makala X. Lilla X. Jenet X Mary X. Solomon X.
Little Mary X. Jackson X. Albert X. Lucy X. Hector X.
Joshua. Eliza and Hester agree to work
on the plantation of Dr Owen and ful-
fill all the requirements of the foregoing
contract for the sum of twenty Dollars per
month for the each three months. Said
laborers to be furnished one suit of clothes
each one pair of shoes each. Food. Quarters
and medical attendance in addition to
wages paid

D. H. Owen

The foregoing contracts were signed in
the presence of

H. N. Owen

The State of Alabama } Marengo County
Whereas it is required by the published regulations
of Thos H. Conway Asst Superintendent of Freedmens
Bureau for the State of Alabama and in
conformance with the same the following
agreement is made and entered into by and
between James M. Oliver of the said State
and County of the first part and the following
named negroes freedmen of the said part & rich

Nick an man aged fifty two years. Lucindan a woman aged fifty two years and Susan a woman aged nineteen years and her infant child aged one year Witnesseth that he of the first part agrees to furnish those of the second part with all proper food. clothing. fuel. house room and medical attention for and during the present year 1865 for and in consideration of which they the second part agree and promise to labor for him of the first part faithfully and diligently to obey his orders and to be subject to the control of him of the first part his family or his agents as heretofore to be respectfull in their demeanor to him of the first part his family or his agents. It is understood between the parties that this agreement is to take effect from the 1st day of June 1865 and is binding until the first day of January 1866 unless sooner cancelled by the mutual consent of the parties. Witness our hands on the 31st day of July 1865. Nick X. Candace X Susan X.

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Witnesses { S. G. Oliver
H. G. Orvell

S. M. Oliver

State of Alabama Dallas County

Whereas it is ordered under the published regulations of Wm. F. Conway Superintendent of Freedmens Bureau in the State of Alabama and in compliance with the same the following contract is made and entered into on this the 29th day of July 1865. by and between Samuel M Oliver of said State and County of the first part and the following named negroes freedmen Viz: Charles a man about forty three years of age and one Woman about nine years. Frank a man aged twenty three years. Eliza a woman aged 18 and her infant child Emma aged six months of the second part. Witnesseth: that he of the first part agrees to furnish those of the second part all necessary and proper food. clothing. fuel. house room and medical attendance. in consideration of which

they of the second part agree and promise to labor faithfully and diligently on min of the first part to do and perform all labor or duties assigned them by him of the first part promptly and to act with respect him of the first part his servants or agents and to be subject to his control or orders as aforesaid. It is understood and between the parties of both parties that this agreement expires on the 1st day of January 1866 and is binding until said day unless sooner cancelled by the mutual consent of both parties. Witness our hands & this the 29th day of July 1865.

Witnesses
H. S. Nelson
A. W. Smith

Charles x his mark
Jack x his mark
Eliza x her mark
Samuel G Oliver

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State of Alabama Macon County
An agreement made and entered in this the 14th day of June 1865 between the following named negroes parties of the first part and Mary D Oswalt of the second part & wit Old Dan Patsy Bill Jane Buck Harrick Lashen Darby Jack Johnston Jem Noll Dick Deck. 1st The parties of the first part agree to cultivate and gather the crops of corn peas potatoes &c now growing on the plantation belonging to the said Mary D Oswalt of the second part or to do any other work for the benefit of the plantation or planting interest. 2nd The said parties of the first part agree to labor on the plantation of the said Mary D Oswalt of the second part until the 1st day of January 1866. They further agree to labor ten hours in every day between day light and dark in the summer and nine hours in the winter except the afternoon of Saturdays and the whole of Sundays and to assist in guarding the premises against

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things. 3rd The said Mary D Oswalt party of the second part promises to furnish food, clothing houses, medical attention and fuel to the said parties of the first part and the said Mary D Oswalt further agrees to pay to the said parties of the second part one fifth of all the crops of corn peas potatoes and fodder now growing on said plantation. 4th And the said Mary D Oswalt of the second part agrees that all the crops and property on her said plantation shall be held to be covered by a lien against all the creditors to the extent of the wages due said parties of the first part, Jem x Patsy x, Bill x, Jack x, Buck x, Harrick x, Lashen x, Darby x Johnston x, Jem x, Noll x, Dick, Deck x, Ellen x, Jack x

Witness H. Dickson

Mary D. Oswalt

The State of Alabama Macon County

This indenture entered into this the 13th day of June 1865 between Wm G. Oliver of the one part and the following colored persons of the other part to wit Adam, Maria and two children. Witnesseth

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That the said W. G. Oliver agrees on his part to furnish the aforesaid colored persons food, clothing and necessary medical attendance, and the said colored persons agree on their part to remain with the said W. G. Oliver until the 25th day of December next and to comply with all the requirements of special order No 23.

Adam x his mark
Maria x his mark

Witness A. G. Lewis

W. G. Oliver

The State of Alabama Tallapoosa County

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Articles of agreement between A. G. Oliver and colored man Manuel. 2d A. G. Oliver bind myself to pay to said Manuel 2 pr of pants 2 shirts, 1 coat and 2 pr of shoes and find him for his services until Christmas, said Manuel binds himself to work with said Oliver and obey him in all respects while in his employ June 13th 1865

A. G. Oliver

Witness W. G. Ellis

Manuel x his mark

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State of Alabama Montgomery County
This agreement made and entered into this the 5th day of June 1865 between D.L. Osborn employer and the following named laborers to wit Coleman a man 60 years old Sarah his wife 35 years old Henrietta a woman 30 years old and sufficient to raising [illegible] Delia a woman about 30 and Pollard a boy about 12 years old and Powell a boy 12 years old. The above named laborers agree to labor for the said D.L. Osborn until the 25th day of December next and to labor under the direction of the said D.L. Osborn and to do all work necessary and proper to be done, and to be governed and controled by him the said D.L. Osborn and to conform to and abide by the regulations for governing free laborers. For which service properly rendered the said D.L. Osborn does agree to pay as follows viz; To Coleman and his wife Sarah 25 bushels of corn to Pollard and Powell 10 bushels each and in addition thereto all their usual patches of tobacco rice and watermellons. To Henrietta and Delia their food, summer medical attendance and their patches of tobacco rice &c. The said D.L. Osborn does agree to furnish all the above named laborers with food, clothing, house, fuel and medical attendance. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands in the presence of. Coleman X, Sarah X, Henrietta X, Pollard X, Powell X, Delia X
Witnesses } G.H.S. Hunter
G.H. McNeil D.L. Osborn

State of Alabama Butler County
Articles of agreement made and entered into between Robert E Owen and of the County and State aforesaid and the colored women of the other part to wit Eliz. Francis alias Lake a boy under twelve years old, It is agreed and contracted between said Owen of the first and the said colored women and boy of the other part that they are to remain on the farm of said Owen for the ballance of the year 1865 and work and cultivate the growing crops of Corn Sugar cane and potatoes and gather the same, And the above named colored women and boy are to receive their rations, clothing and spinning cotton and other privilages that would not be detrimental to Owens interests, also house to live in medical attendance and fuel to come from the said Owens as compensation for their work and labor as said Owen for the ballance of the present year, This June 14th 1865.

Eliza X her mark
Francis X her mark
Robert E Owen

Witnesses } W.D. Irvin
G.A. Betts

State of Alabama Macon County
This agreement made and entered into this the 20th day of June 1865 between James B Crane of the aforesaid State and County of the one part and the Freedmen his former servants of the same State and County of the other part Witnesseth. That we the freedmen above written for our individual comfort and for the support of our families and relations, do bind ourselves all of us who are able to do true and faithfull service of any kind to the aforesaid James B Crane our former owner until the first day of January next, for the aforesaid James B Crane binding himself and his heirs in consideration of our labor to provide us and our children house room, food, clothing, fuel and medical attendance and agree to give Sam one half of his time and find him and to give William one third of his time and find him and to give to each female hands of families every Saturday and to give to ballance of us one half of each Saturday when the condition of the crops will authorize it.

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In testimony whereof we have here unto subscribed our names. This the day and date above written, Joel X. Olive X, Alfred X. Christopher Mary X Barbary X Solomon X Spruck X Williams X Edmund X Tyrus X Amanda X Frances X Kittyann X Harriet X. Giles X. Ann X
Witnesses } O. K. Dingford
Wm M. Ogletree James B. Ogletree

State of Alabama Macon County June 6th 1865
Articles of agreement between Joel Oswalt on the one part and the following named laborers on the other. Malis, Jeff, Jude, Bill, Jim, Bob, Lloyd, Simon, Female, Sarah, Frank and Maryann, Second Rina, Caitress, Jinny, Caroline, Mollie, In conformity an order issued from 76th Q.M.G. Freedmans Bureau Montgomery Ala. I have entered into a contract with the above laborers to work on my plantation on the following conditions, that I furnish them food clothing, houses, medical attendance, and one eighth (⅛) of the corn fodder peas potatoes, wheat and syrup of the present growing crop

Joel Oswalt

I certify that the above contract was made in my presence and that the laborers were satisfied with the contract
D. N. Williams
Mary E. Riddle

State of Alabama Montgomery County
Terms of agreement between D.N. Murrell of said State and County on his part and Charles, Sophia, Bill, Sarah, Amond, Bell, John, Bell, Jack, Maria, Ned, Eve, Will, Rilla, Angy, Dick, Bob, Judy, Mollie, Robin, Virgil, Cal, Reuben, Jim, Maria, Wash, Patrick and Pug Freedmen and women on their part as follows, Viz Whereas the said

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D.N. Murrell has agreed with and hired the above mentioned freedmen and women to work in his farm and to do any and all kinds of work pertaining to a plantation whenever called on to do so from this time until the first day of January 1866. We furthermore agree to do good and faithful work at any and all kinds of business that we are put at. In consideration of the foregoing promises the said D.N. Murrell agrees to furnish the above mentioned freedmen and women one suit of clothes each medical attendance a sufficiency of food and bread corn and one peck of meal per week he having already furnished the amount of bacon agreed upon by him and the above mentioned freedmen and women also one third of all the corn and wheat that may be raised by them the said freedmen and women on said plantation 1st January 1st 1866. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this the 1st day of June 1865. Charles X. Sophia X. Bill X. Sarah X. Amond X. Bell X. John X. Bell X. Jack X. Maria X. Ned X. Eve X. Will X. Rilla X. Angy X. Dick X. Big Judy X. Mollie X. Robin X. Virgil X. Cal X. Reuben X. Jim X. Maria X. Wash X. Patrick X. Pug X.
Witness J. R. P. Morris D. N. Murrell
State of Alabama Tallapoosa County
In compliance with and by virtue and force of a recent military order issued by the authority of the United States this agreement is made and entered into on the 19th day of June A.D. 1865 by and between L. V. Olive of Tallapoosa County and State of Alabama of the first part and Amanda of the same County and State a negro girl about 14 years of age of the second part Witnesseth: That the said Olive in consideration of the covenants on the part of the party of the second part hereinafter

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continued doth covenant and agree to and with the said Amanda that he will provide for her food. Clothing. house room. fuel and such medical attendance as may be required for the good of her health so long as the said Amanda may stand by and comply with her part of the agreement. and to recommence. and the said Amanda for and in consideration of the covenants on the part of the party of the first part doth covenant and agree to and with the said Oliver that she will faithfully discharge all the duties and obey all the order that may be reasonably required of her as such. his servant by the said Oliver. This agreement to continue until the first day of January A. D. 1866. In witness whereof we have mutually and interchangeably set our hands and seals. day and year first written. Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of.

Witnesses } M. A. Tidyway — Amanda x her mark
J. A. Vaughan — E. P. Oliver

The State of Alabama } All persons County
Whereas it is required by the published regulations of Thos. W. Conway Superintendent of Freedmens Bureau for the State of Alabama and in compliance with the same the following agreement is made and entered into by and between Susanna Oliver of said State and Chambers County and the following named negroes freedmen viz: Jacob aman 70 years of age. Patty a woman aged 70 years. Silva a woman aged fifty years. Simon a man aged 37 years. Allen a boy 12 years of age. Peggy a woman aged 43 years and her three children Bill. George and Sallie aged respectively 8. 6 and 4 years and Mary a woman aged 23 years and her two

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children Charley and Eliza aged respectively 4 and 2 years - all of the second party. Witnesseth That the party of the first part agrees and promises to furnish those of the second part with all proper and necessary food. Clothing. house room. fuel and medical attention for and during the present year 1865. for and in consideration of ~~which~~ which the second part agrees and promises to labor for the first part faithfully and diligently to obey her promptly and to be subject to her orders and control in all things as heretofore. to do and perform everything as she may direct to be respectfull in their demeanor to her of the first part her family or agents. It is understood that this agreement takes effect on the 1st day of June 1865 and is binding from that day until the first day of January 1866 unless sooner cancelled by the mutual consent of the parties. Witness our hands on this the 25th day of July 1865. Jacob x. Patty x. Silva x. Simon x. Allen x. Peggy x. Mary x.

Witnesses } Geo. W. Gammell
Isaiah x T. Talbt — Susanna Oliver

This contract and agreement made and entered into between the undersigned S. E. Ottara of the County of Chambers and State of Alabama of the one part and the undersigned colored persons formerly slaves of the said S. E. Ottara of the other part witnesseth That the said Ottara on his part hereby agrees and promises to furnish the undersigned former slaves as aforesaid good and sufficient clothing medical attendance and pay all necessary physicians bill and feed them as heretofore and furnish good and comfortable houses to live in and deal to them until the 25th day of December 1865. Also the proceeds of the patches already given them and the proceeds of the west half of the field known as the school house field

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say five acres more or less consisting of corn
and Millet. And we the undersigned colored
people former slaves of the [illegible] Ottawa do
on [illegible] bind ourselves to serve the said
Otten our former master as aforesaid
until the 25 day of December 1865 in
consideration of the promises and obligations
in the above contract on his part and
to be performed, stand to and abide by all
the former rules and regulations respecting
the labor of the Freedmens Bureau at
Montgomery Alabama. July 13th A.D. 1865
Mahala x her Ned x his Salina x her Silas x Lucy x Sallie x
Witness } C. V. Hunter
S. G. Tilson
S. G. Otten

State of Alabama Lowndes County
The following is a contract entered into
between Wm. A. H. Lofton on the one part and
the negroes whose names are entered in
this indenture, that I. W. A. H. Lofton agree
to pay Silbert sixty (60) bushels of corn
I also promise to furnish him with
one suit of clothes one pair of shoes for
and in consideration of his labor until
the first day of January next. this June
1st 1865

Silbert X his mark
A. H. Lofton

The foregoing contract was correctly read
to negro whose name his is mentioned above
and the questions asked are you willing
on your part to do what is required of
you and take what is offered you to which
he respectfully answered I am.
C. C. Watson

W. B. Addison

State of Alabama Montgomery County
Articles of agreement between Austin Freeman
freedmen employers of Jim and Harrison laborers
of Austin Freeman privates to Lieut.

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Clothe furnish good quarters and pay [illegible]
bill and give one acre of corn to each of the
above named laborers for their services until
Christmas. We the above named laborers promise
to serve Austin Freeman on farm aforesaid
until christmas for the above consideration
faithfully and obey him as ever before.
Jim X his mark, Harrison X his mark
We do hereby certify that we have this day
witnessed the above contract between Austin
Freeman employer and Jim and Harrison
laborers. Signed in our presence this 13th day
of June 1865
W. E. Freeman
W. D. Graves

State of Alabama Lowndes County June 7th 1865
An agreement between R. A. Fuller on the first
part and Handay and his wife Amanda, with
three children and one born on the plains
six years old Maria a mulatto 5 years old Ada
they girls 13 years old Albert and Lindsay small
infant children without parents on the second
part. Witnesseth: That R. A. Fuller on his part
does obligate himself to furnish with food
clothing, shelter, fuel and medical attention
if necessary together with all the produce
raised on certain described lands and every
Saturday evening. For and in consideration of
which said freedmen on their part do bind
and obligate themselves to work faithfully for
said R. A. Fuller until the 25th day of
December 1865. In witness whereof we have
hereunto set our hands. Maria X. Handay X.
Amanday X. Ada X. Vicy X.
Witnesses } L. D. Stewart
J. S. Brown
R. A. Fuller

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State of Alabama County of Montgomery June 8th 1865
In accordance with instructions from Superintendent of Freedmen dated May 26th 1865 Montgomery Ala. I have this day entered into a contract with the following laborers on the following terms viz. John aged Fifty three (53) years a Blacksmith by trade on which he is to receive Twenty Five Dollars monthly in addition to rations, clothes, house room, medical attention and fuel. Baker aged Thirty three (33) years as helper in the Blacksmith shop on which he is to receive Fifteen (15) Dollars per month in addition to rations, clothes, medical attendance, house room and fuel. Term of service to expire on the Twenty fifth (25) December 1865. John his X mark Glenn
Baker his X mark Gindrat
Witness
Geo. M. Whitman H. I. Fountain

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The State of Alabama Crenshaw County July 26th 1865
Articles of agreement between Mrs. Martha Fitzpatrick of the first part and those whose names or marks are hereunto annexed of the second part. The said Mrs. Martha Fitzpatrick of the first part doth agree to furnish comfortable houses, fuel, good clothing, one pair of shoes and medical attendance when sick to the parties of the second part for their services until the 1st day of January 1866. And we the parties of the second part or obligate ourselves to remain on the farm of the said Mrs. Fitzpatrick performing our duties faithfully under the directions of Lt. C. Morgan and Master Lee until the 1st day of January for the above mentioned remuneration. In testimony whereof we hereunto set our names or marks. Peter X. Ben X. Ginge X. Linie X. Landon X. Heilland X. Johnie X. Jim X. Linie X. Harry X. Lucy X. Jordy X. Peachly X. Enhar X.

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Eguy X. Jack X. Ning X. Ike X. Batt X. Dick X. Lewis X. Hennich X. Amanda X

We the undersigned certify and witness the signatures of parties each name.
Jas E. Whitten
W. A. Whitten

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The State of Alabama Montgomery County
Articles of agreement entered into this the 19th of June 1865 between Jacob Table of the first part and colored man named Ben aged about Sixty years of the second part Witnesseth: That whereas I said Jacob Table of the first part have this day hired Ben to whom I contract and agree to furnish food, house room, fuel and medical attendance in addition there to pay him five (5) dollars per month the he the said Ben of the second part in consideration of which agrees to labor faithfully and industriously, obey all lawful commands and never absent himself from my place without permission and not then without a written pass given by myself or constituted agents. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this the 20 day of June 1865
Witnesses } Andrew E O'Brien Ben his mark
H. Hunnicutt Augustus Jacob Table

Articles of agreement entered into this 6th day of June 1865 between Watson Glenn on the one part and the following named Freedmen on the other part. Jack and wife Eg with. Bob and wife Ann and one infant Betsy an infant Polly and daughter Lucy. Eleazy a man about forty years old. Clabe and wife and three children. Witnesseth: That the party of the first part agrees to pay Jack and wife Eg with the one ten the other eight dollars per month Bob and wife Ann and infant five dollars per month each (except infant) Betsy and infant clothing Doctor's bill and rations. Polly and daughter Lucy about twelve years old clothing rations and medical bills. Eleazy old man

rations. Clothing and medical bill. Clate and wife and three small children two (2) dollars per month rations. Clothing medical bill. We of the second part do agree to perform all the work of the house and plantation as heretofore laboring ten hours per day faithfully in summer and nine in winter and to dispose of all our produce in the name of the aforesaid Watson Felvin and to attend to all the stock on the sabbath such as watering and feeding and milking the cows or any other labor that is actually necessary to be done and when either party get dissatisfied we are to have a settlement and quit each other

Witnesses { Thos. C. Todd / Buck x his mark } Clate x his mark / Watson Felvin

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Contract made and concluded on this 13th day of June A. D. 1865 by and between E. K. Fountain of the County and State aforesaid and the following named negroes to wit: Henry, Simon, Jack, Dick, Lewis, Solomon, Anky and Ellen of the other part in these words. The said negroes agree to do all necessary labor on or about the farm of said Fountain and all things that he may order them to do until the present crop is gathered. And the said Fountain agrees to furnish said negroes with food, clothing, medical attention, house room and fuel and in addition to that he is to pay Simon thirteen dollars and five is five acres of corn. Henry five dollars per month, Buck five dollars per month. Dick five dollars per month. Lewis five dollars a month. Solomon five dollars a month. the woman Anky five dollars a month and Ellen ab. five dollars and

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a half per month. In witness whereof I the said E. K. Fountain for myself and the boy Henry for himself and as a witness that the above is the contract made by those whose names are mentioned in said contract.

Witness } Henry x his mark
G. W. Whitman / E. K. Fountain

The State of Alabama Autauga County

Agreement witness the following named negroes, Arthur, Jack, Buck, Gran and Barbara of the first part and Edwin Fay of the second part, by which the said negroes of the first part agree and bind themselves to serve and work for and obey the said Edwin Fay or his agent in the performance of any or all kinds of work usual and necessary about a plantation and its appurtenances unless prevented by sickness from this date until the 25th day of December next, and in consideration of such services the said Edwin Fay agrees and promises on his part to find clothe, feed, shelter protect them in the discharge of their duties and furnish necessary medical attention when sick and give them one eighth part of all the corn, cotton, peas and hay and one fifth part of the potatoes made and saved on the farm the present year July 1st 1865. Arthur x, Buck x, Buck x, Gran x, Barbara x.

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Witnesses } Frank L. Sayre / Edwin Fay
Edwin L. McRee

Articles of agreement between J. S. & J. D. Foster and Bob a mechanic in shop. We J. S. & J. D. Foster agree to pay Bob eighteen dollars per month for his services with the necessary provisions and medical attention, fuel and quarters this contract to hold good for three months from date July 18th 1865. I covenant to perform my duty faithfully to J. S. and J. D. Foster and th

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cmckly with all the rules and regulations
of said Foster July 1st 1865. Bob X his mark
Witness Geo. O. Stuart E.S. & E.O. Foster
State of Alabama Tallapoosa County
This contract entered into in conformity to
and by force and virtue of a late order
issued by Thos. W. Conway Superintendent
of Freedmens Bureau. On this 1st day of
July 1865 between John A Fuller of the
one part and John a man about 22 years
old Amanda his wife and three children
from 7 years to six months old. and Stewart
a man about 22 years old and Sophia
his wife about 21 years old and four
children from 9 years old down to two
years old of the second part. all of
whom are freedmen and women by force
of said late order. The said John A. Fuller
in consideration of the agreement of those of
the second part agree to furnish clothing,
provision, proper medical attention and medicine
and house room and land for those of the
second part. for and in consideration of
the above agreement of him of the first
part we of the second part agree to make
true and faithfull hands in attending to
all the duties that may be required of
us in carrying on the farming interests of
John A Fuller of the first part. and we
agree to be subject to the same control and
discipline from the said Jno. A. Fuller as we
have heretofore been subject to. This contract is
for the year 1865 and to end on the 1st of January
1866. This agreement made and entered into
on the day and year above written and
signed in the presence of. John x. Stewart x.
Witnesses } T. W. Mithwin Sophia x. Manda x.
A. A. Mithwin John A. Fuller

State of Alabama Chambers County July 26th 1865
This is to certify that J. W. F. Crook do contract
and obligate my self to pay Martha the said woman
belonging to me the following wages viz: food house
room, medical attention, summer and winter clothing
6 bushels of Corn and sixty pounds of pork the afore
said Martha is sixteen years of age, I hereby do
agree to the above proposition and obligate and bind
myself to faithfully perform the labor required from
until Christmas and also to be governed and
controled as before to which I give signature
Witnesses } Ed. A. Barton Martha x my mark
Jno. M. Welch W. F. J. Crook

The State of Alabama Chambers County
Articles of agreement entered into between Willis Jones
of the first part and Jack 39 years old, Lee 36,
Joseph 34, Julia a woman 32 years old, Liza 23 and
two children aged one & and the other 2 years,
Bob a man 28, Peter a boy 19, Anthony a man
23, Hester 32, Ellen 16 with infant child 6 weeks
old, Charlotte aged 57, Sylvy 90 years and 3
orphan children aged 16, 8, 6, 4 and 2 years
former slaves of the said Jones of the second
part witnesseth. That the said party of the first
part doth agree to furnish the said party
of the second part comfortable house, food,
clothing rations and medical attention when
sick. And the said party of the second part agree
to remain with and on the plantation of the
said Willis Jones until the 25th day of December
next to work as heretofore under his directions
and control and further to obey all orders given of
said Jones also all orders that have been or may
be made by the Freedmens Bureau at Montgom-
ery Ala. in relation to labor &c. In testimony
whereof we have here unto set our hands this 20th
day of July 1865 in the presence of
Jack x. Lee x. Joseph x. Bob x. Peter x. Anthony x.
Charlotte x. Sylvy x. Julia x Hester x. Liza x

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Ellen x
Witnesses } Wm C. Germany
Albert G. Danforth Willis Jones

The State of Alabama Chambers County
Articles of agreement entered into between
Williams C Germany of the first part and
Sandey a man 64 years old and Milly his wife
74 years old and Stephen a man 80 years old
and his wife 46 years old and his children.
King a man 25 years old. Agnis a boy 20 years
old and Ann a girl 17 years old. Caleb a
boy 14 years old. Milly a girl 11 years old.
Burr a boy 7 years old. Polly 3 years old
Jenne 28 years old and her three children aged
4. 3 and an infant 6 months old. George 52
years old and his wife Liza 47 years old and
their children John aged 28. Charles 22
and Amanda aged 20 and her children aged
3 and 1 years. Squire a man aged 30 years and
his wife Elva 30 years of age and their children
aged 11 and 2 years and an infant 2 weeks old.
Hannah a woman aged 40 years and her children
aged 15. 13. 11. 8 and 2 years. Isaac a man 65
years old and his children Ned aged 32 and
Harriet 25 years old and her children aged 3
years and infant six months old. Minnie
aged 21 and her three children aged 5 and 2 years
and infant 2 months old. Annica a girl 20
years old and Polk a boy 14 years old and
Ike an idiot and fitified man aged 33
years former slaves of the said Germany
of the second part witnesseth That the said
party of the first part doth agree to furnish the
said parties of the second part with comfortable
houses, food, clothing, rations and medical
attentions when sick. And the said parties
of the second part agree on their part to
remain with and upon the plantation of
the said W. C. Germany until the 20th day of

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December next. to work and labor as heretofore
under his directions and control and further to
obey all rules and orders given by said Germany
and also all rules that may have been or may
be made by the Freedmens Bureau at Montgom-
ery Ala. in relation to labor &c. In testimony
whereof we have here unto set our hand this 20th day
of July 1865 in the presence of, Sandey x. Milly x.
Stephen x. Queen x. King x Agnis x. Ann x. Jane x. George x
Liza x. John x Charles x. Amanda x. Squire. Elva x.
Hannah x. Isaac x. Ned x. Harriet. Minnie
Annica x.
Witnesses } Willis Jones
Albert G. Danforth Wm C. Germany

The State of Alabama Chambers County
Be now all men by these presents That Hugh
Smith of the one part and William. Lucinda.
Dora. Susan. Minerva and Lois former slaves
of said Smith) of the second part have this day
entered into a contract or agreement the terms
of which are as follows to wit The said Hugh Smith
of the first part for and in consideration of the
labor of the parties of the second part. hereby
promises and agrees to give to the said parties
of the second part for the remainder of the
present year good and wholesome bread comfortable
clothing. house room. fuel and medical attention
And the said William. Lucinda. Dora Minerva
and Lois (former slaves of said Smith) of the second
part hereby promise and agree to work faithfully
for the said Smith and to abide by all the
rules heretofore in force on the plantation of
the said Smith and the regulations of the Freed-
mens Bureau The said H. Smith of the first
part and the said William. Lucinda. Dora. Susan
Minerva and Lois of the second part hereby agree
that this contract shall only extend for the present
year unless both parties agree to its extention. In
testimony whereof we have hereunto set our

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hands this the 20th day of July 1865. William x. Lucinda x. Clara x. Susan x. Minna x. Louis x. Witness } F. S. Kinsey, W. L. Worrell. Hugh Smith

The State of Alabama Chambers County this contract entered into on this the 20th day of July 1865 between Mary A Gilmore and the freedwoman Eliza and her three infant children Coleman 5 years old. Ned 2 years old and Amanda 7 months old Witnesseth: That the said Eliza agrees and binds herself to continue to live with and work for said Mary A Gilmore during any and all kinds of work under the direction and control of the said Mary A Gilmore as she has heretofore done, during the present year for no other compensation than the support of herself and three children and the said Mary A Gilmore agrees and binds herself to furnish a home for said Eliza and children also to furnish them good clothing to attend to them in sickness and pay any expenses for medical attention that may be necessary during the present year just as she has heretofore done as a full compensation for the labor of the said Eliza. In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto subscribed their names the date above written. Witnesses } Wiley Dorman, A. L. Atkins. Eliza x her mark

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The State of Alabama Montgomery County This agreement between Julian S Johnston of the first part and John, Randolph, Polly, Polly, Hannah, Francis, Mettor, Jacob, Tony, Lucy, Matilda, Acy & Wellington, Stephen, Nancy, Phebe, Bill, Lucinda and Wainey of the second part for the year 1865 Witnesseth That the party of the first part agrees to give to the second party and their children clothing food houses to live in wholesome food and medical attendance according to regulations issued by the Office of the Freedmens Bureau at Montgomery Ala. until the crops planted on his lands are all gathered in consideration that the party of the second part and their children will labor on or about his plantation until the crops are all gathered when the party of the first part agrees to give the party of the second part one tenth of the corn, fodder and potatoe crops gathered by the party of the second part from said plantation during said year. And when the crops are all gathered the party of the second part agrees with each other to divide the said one tenth part among themselves according to merit and in case they cannot agree on such division then the parties of the second part agree to choose three disinterested persons to divide the said one tenth among them according to merit that is according to ability and the manner in which they have each worked. In witness whereof we have here unto set our names, those not able to write making their marks. This July 20th 1865. Randal x. John x. Mettor x. Acy x. Randolph x. Wellington. Jacob x. Bill x. Lucy x. Tony x. Stephen x. Polly x. Lucy x. Nancy x. Lucinda x. Hannah x. Matilda x. Phebe x. Winny x. Francis x. Witness } Levi E Felder. Julian S. Johnston

The State of Alabama Lowndes County This contract made and concluded the - day of July 1865 by and between William S Daniell of the State and County aforesaid of the first part and Lorenda colored woman of the State and County aforesaid of the second part in three words: The said party of the second part covenants and agrees with the said party of the first part to give to him and his family his services in whatever capacity they may be required in a reasonable way until the first day

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day of January 1866 and the said party of the first part covenants and agrees to furnish unto the said party of the second part and to said two children Lewis a boy aged about 18 months and Violet a girl aged about 4 years food, clothing a comfortable house, food and medical attention during that time. In witness whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written Sealed and signed in the presence of, Witnesses } G. R. Foster Lovinda x her mark
W. H. Gains W. S. Sanett

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The State of Alabama Coosa County
Contract made and concluded the day of July 1865 by and between William S. Sandl of the State and County aforesaid of the first part and Easter a colored boy about nine years old and Penny a colored girl about eight years old of the State and County aforesaid of the second part in these words. The said party of the second part covenants and agrees to and with the said party of the first part to give to him their services in a reasonable way in whatever capacity they may be required from this date until the first day of January next and said party of the first part covenants and agrees to furnish unto the said parties of the second part provision, clothing a comfortable place of lodging food and medical attention during that time. In witness whereof the parties to these present have hereunto set their hands and Seals the day and year first above written Signed in the presence of,
Witnesses } G. R. Foster Easter x his mark
W. H. Gains Penny x her mark
W. S. Sanett

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We do hereby certify that we saw the colored boy Easter and the colored girl Penny sign the foregoing contract after this was being read to them. Voluntarily on the day the same bears date. This July 1865

G. R. Foster
W. H. Gains

The State of Alabama Coosa County
These presents witnesseth the following agreement between John S Thrasher the former name of the following colored persons and him Ellen, Jack, Duncan, William, Becca, Monroe, Frank, Jane, Matilda and Mary Minerva and Lucy the five last being children the said Thrasher hereby agrees to feed cloth and pay the Doctors bill of said hands and furnish them houses to live in the balance of the year and to give them one sixth part of the peas, Corn and Potatoes that may be grown on his said Plantation this year. This allotment of one sixth is to be paid to the first named eight persons and the five last named children are to draw no part of the said portion. And the said colored persons in consideration of the premises above hereby agree and contract with the said Thrasher to remain with him until the 1st day of January next in his said home and to do any work that he may direct or instruct to be done to the extent of ten hours during the days of summer, Spring and autumn and nine hours during the day of winter except the afternoon of Saturdays and the Sabbath day save in cases of emergency and we further more will conform to the rules and regulations of said Thrasher for the management of said farm. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 25th day of may A. D. 1865. Ellen x. Jack x. Duncan x. William

Becca x. Manro x. Monty x. June x. Matilda x
Dory x. Maiora x. Frank x. Lucy x.

Jno. L. Strahin

1782 This contract was witnessed by us and we regard it as fair and just between the parties June 30th 1865.

Geo. L. Main
L. W. Mayer
Jno. Brown

State of Alabama : Autauga County
The following contract was made and entered into between W. C. Penick and the negroes whose names are signed to said contract to wit:
1st That the said negroes are to have the one fourth part of the present crop of wheat after paying all the necessary expenses of threshing the same, by performing all the necessary work in threshing and cleaning the said wheat. 2nd That the said negroes are to remain on the said Penicks plantation and occupy the houses as heretofore until the end of the present year. and that they are to complete the working of said Penicks crops, saving his fodder-gathering his corn and potatoes and making the syrup from the cane now growing. 3rd That the said negroes are to behave themselves well and be willing to be controled by the said Penick in the management of making and saving his crops. That they are to work faithfully during good work time (8) hours each day except Saturday evenings and the Sabbath and even then if any emergency should arise requiring their services in saving the crops or any part of it. 4th That the said negroes are to have the corn and fodder raised on that part of the plantation lying between the present potatoe patch of said Penick and the fence of L. C. Lapsley and between the Bozeman field and the woods on the ~~East~~ west containing about sixty feet or

seventy acres more or less. also one fourth part
of the stock potatoes and syrup raised and saved
on said plantation. the said negroes remaining
and owning their own part as well as the part
of the said Quick. they the same proportion. and
same as nyr. debators shall & Cissare agreed and
intended that of the present year one. 5th That
after the crop of the said Quick and the miller
raised negroes is made. the main part of the said
negroes are to repair the fences on the plantation
of the said Quick. also to dost and perform any
and all kind of such work on the farm of the said
Quick until the 25th day of December 1865 which
is customary to be done on farms and which he
may direct. also any and all such work off and
away from his farm as he may direct and
which may be necessary for the support and
welfare of his and their families. but this is
not expected to the females who are or will be re-
quired to make clothing by spinning and sewing
until enough is made for that purpose for his and
their families. 6th That after the said negroes part
of the crops is worked out as now began. the crops of
the said Quick is to be worked out again in the
regular way as well as their own part and the
crops of both parties are to be worked alike. 7th That
as soon as the females can be spared from the
crops. the said females are to spin. weave and
make up clothing for their own respective families.
cotton now on the plantation will be applied there
for the purpose but they are not to waste the same.
8th That the said Quick personally or Physician
using giving, will give to the said negroes whose
names are signed to this contract when sick
his own individual medical attention without
charge. He is not bound to contract or pay any
physician to attend on them or their families
while sick. 9th That as there is not enough provisions on
the plantation to support them or their families

The males are to work out and the females also if necessary to get provisions when and where ever the said Penick may direct.
16th That the said negroes are not to take any thing belonging to the said Penick for their own use or trade off the same or for any other purpose without his consent but will carefully preserve his property and if any theft be committed on the plantation or on the property of the said Penick by any person and should it be known to them or either of them that they are to make it known to said Penick immediately. 11th That the said negroes are at all times to attend to stock of the said Penick well and faithfully, and two of the males are to stay at home on Sunday to attend to them as usual and the said negroes or such of them as may be required are to cook, wash and iron milk the cows and do any and all such customary duties as must in the opinion of the said Penick be necessary about the house and from until the 25th of December 1865 they are also to take good care of the farming utensils and blacksmith tools of the said Penick.
12th This contract was written under the supposition that all the hands that labored on the plantation of the said Penick from the 1st of January 1865 up to this date should sign the same, but if any of the said hands should refuse to sign the same then those so refusing, are and shall be excluded entirely from the benefits thereof, And should the said Penick procure other hands to work the crops arising from the refusal of any of the hands who have labored from the first of January 1865 up to this date to sign this contract and should the hands so procured work the crop and carry out in all respects

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the provisions of this contract they are to have an equal share with the balance of the hands working the crop of that part of crop which was intended by this contract as compensation for their labor. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands this the 12th day of June 1865.
Anthony x. Clark x. Punk x. Rebecca x. Punk x
Robin x. Clax. Patsey x.
Witness } N. T. Samuel
K. A. Penick
W. S. Penick W. G. Penick

State of Alabama Talapoosa County
This contract entered into in conformity with and by force and virtue of a Sale made ordered by Superintendent The H Comm of the Freedmens Bureau on this 3rd day of July 1865 between Jessie Knight to Knight of the one part and Tom about 36 years of age, John about 16 years of age and Catharine about 42 years of age of the second part all of which are freed men and women by force of said Sale order, the said Jessie to Knight for and in consideration of the agreement of those of the second part agree to furnish clothing, provision, proper medical attendance and medicine, house room and fuel, for those of the second part, for and in consideration of the agreement & him of the first part the of the second part agree to make good and sufficient hands in attending to all the duties required of us in carrying on the farming utensils of Jessie G Knight of the first part and we do to be subject to the same control from the said Jessie G. Knight that we have heretofore been subject to. This contract for the year 1865 and to end on the first day of January 1866. this agreement made and entered into on the day and year above written and signed in the presence of. Tom x. John x. Catharine x.
Witness } Daniel Taylor J. G. Knight

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State of Alabama Chambers County
This agreement made and entered into this
day between S. F. Kerr of the one part, and
the United States Contraband Witnesseth: That
the said S. F. Kerr on his part agrees to
employ until the first of January 1866
the following named freedmen as laborers
viz: Lawson 45 years old, John 28, Ark 26,
Jack 17, Linn 35 and his children, 26, Linn 11
Tempe two years Ala. Jill 32 and her
children viz: Andy 12, Dick & Nick 5, Liza aged
35 and her child Sarah aged 3 years, Sallie
22 and her 3 children. Ella aged 6 years, Nick 3
and an infant named George about three months
In consideration the said S. F Kerr agrees to
divide equall the proceeds of the present crop
(excepting chucks and fodder) among all the
above named freedmen above the age of
fourteen years also agree to furnish them
with comfortable clothing and food and pay
any medical bill that may be necessary for
that time and the above named laborers
agree on their part, to do good and
faithfull labor for the time aforementioned
This 18th day 1865. Lawson x. John x. Ark x.
Linda x. Liza x. Gillard x. Sallie x. Jack x.
Witness } Ed F. Watkins
M. W. Dunk S. F. Kerr

State of Alabama Randolph County June 3rd 1865
S. F. Kelly agrees to give the covered girl
Rilla (4 yrs) his food, clothes and medical
attention for the remainder of the current
year for which she also agrees to serve me
Witness Rilla x his mark
S. E. Kaynes S. J. Kelly

State of Alabama Coosa County
The partnership is a contract between James A Kelly and the following named negroes or freedmen to wit: The said James A Kelly a former agrees to give to the said negroes the one fourth part of his present growing crop which consists of Wheat. Oats. Rye. Corn peas. Potatoes and Sorghum or Cane. Provided that they the following named negroes do faithfully perform their duties in cultivating gathering and taking care of said crop and further that they diligently take care of the stock of horses. mules. cows. hogs and sheep that they attend to the milking of cows and the hauling of the same, that they further work. wash. Spin. weave and sew as they have heretofore done and that they remain on the place until the first day of January 1866 if necessary for the purpose of repairing fences planting what is to be all also Rye and all other work necessary to be done on a farm. The negroes names. Jerre x. Stephen x. Handy x Noah x Curley Mandin x. Phil x. Angeline x Lemburn x Anna x and children Eliza. and two children x. Silvy x with seven children; Caroline x with 4 children. Julia x with two children. Sarah x with one child Moriah x. Antonett x with a dislocation of the hip joint. Betty in a family way. Ella x also in a family way and worthless as to labor. Hamilton a blacksmith who I propose to give the one fourth that he makes by his trade. I further agree to find and clothe and find house and fuel for them as I have heretofore, also pay their doctors bill provided they remain and perform their respective duties as hirelings should do. In witness whereof I subscribe my name

Jas A Kelly

Done in the presence of the following witnesses who affirm that they saw the

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above named negroes agree to the foregoing contract and make their marks
the 17th day of June 1865. A. B. Kelly
Wm. C. Walker

The following named negroes & wife my employ on the first day of July without ratification or any provocation whatever
Namely, Duncan Alexander Adam all of which are working about Montgomery.
Jas. A. Kelly

The State of Alabama Lowndes County
We E. A. Knight and C. E. Knight citizens of Lowndes County Ala. Hereby certify that on the 27th Day of June 1865 C. W. Knight of the said County and State and Edmon, Gillum, Joe, Eliza, Dinah, and Mary former slaves of said Knight now freedmen and women did make the following contract to wit. That the said Knight in consideration of the service of the said freedmen and women from the 25th of May 1865 until the first of January next agrees to feed, clothe, provide medical attention nurse room &c, and to feed clothe provide medical attention, nurse room &c. for seven (7) children and able to do any thing children and relatives of the said freamen, and women. That she promise to work faithfully attending at all times to the Stock or other things necessary to be done about the house and farm. They further agree to abide by the orders and regulations of the said Knights or any one he may have to superintend them. Both parties agreeing to conform to the rules of the Superintendant of the Bureau of Freedmen.
Witnesses } J. A. Knight
E. J. Knights C. W. Knight

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State of Alabama Butler County June 1865
In accordance with an order published in Montgomery signed by Thos W. Conway Asst Superintendent and approved by Maj. Genl A. J. Smith May 26th 1865 for regulating hire of laborers. James D Kirkpatrick makes the following contract with the undersigned colored laborers now in his employ. I agree and obligate myself to give Giles and Ted ~~me~~ two thirds of one fifth of the present growing crop excepting rice and cotton. I agree to board and clothe furnish medical attention, house room and fuel to Aldeline and her five children for their services until the first of January 1866. We the undersigned laborers on our part agree to the above contract to do whatever is required of us and to render faithfull service until the first of January 1866. Giles his mark
Witnesses } Thos W. Bell Ted his mark
E. Kirkpatrick Aldeline her mark

A. G. Atkison

The State of Alabama Covington County
This is to certify that A. G. Atkison of the one part and the colored people of the other part have on this day made a contract to wit. The said A. G. Atkison of the first part does promise to give to the said colored people their provisions, clothing and shoes until January 1866. A. G. Atkison do promise to give to the second party four hundred and bushels of corn as a gift to them. Also pay all doctors bills that may occur between the 1st of May 1865 and January 1866. And we the colored people of the second part do promise to be obedient and industrious to and for the said A. G. Atkison and family as we have heretofore been for our victuals, clothes, shoes and a gift of four hundred and bushels of corn which the said Atkison agrees to give us. We the second party do make this contract with A. G. Atkison of the first part freely and willingly to wit. We subscribe our names or cause

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it to be done. Isaac aged 47. Bill 46.
Jack 45. Sharper 44. Ellen 33. Anothy 26.
Peter 20. Dennis 19. Julius 18. Robt 15. Joe 14.
Brian 12. Nancy 48. Mary 40. Kelly 36.
Manjamin 26. Rose 26. Brian 24. Liney 24.
Monday 22. Hannah 22. Lundas 19. Madison 18.
Denis 17. Tolday 17. Hannah 13. Penny 12.
Ann 10. Jess. 9. Lucy 8. George 6. Caroline 5.
Riley 4. Rebecca 4. Jane 4. Elvira 4. John 3.
Perry 3. Simpson 2. Henry 3. Jacob 3. Ned 7 months
Riley 1 week. Pickyune 3 weeks. Jefferson. Hector.
Minin 82.
Witness} Isaac x
H. C. Hardaway — M. Atkison

J. K. Kuykendal — The State of Alabama
Butler County } We A. S. C and C. F.
that the following agreement was entered into
on this the 20th day of June 1865 between
Jesse K. Kuykendal and the following negro
to wit Nancy aged about 16 years of the
said State and County to wit The said
Kuykendal obligates himself to furnish the
said Nancy to furnish the food. one blanket
one pair of shoes. 3 dresses one cap two shifts one
bonnet. lodging. clothing. food and medical
attention and give her half of every
Saturday and every Sunday. The said
negro binds herself to obey according
to the direction of the said Kuykendal. This
agreement is made for the ballance of
the year 1865 and in accordance with the
order of Thos W. Conway Genl Superintendent
of Freedmen and approved by Maj Genl
A. J. Smith on the 26th day of May 1865
Witnesses} Jas G. Williams x his mark
J. G. Williams — Jesse K. Kuykendal

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M. A. King — State of Alabama
Butler County } This indenture made and entered into on the 12th day of June 1865 between
Mary A King of the County and State aforesaid of the first part and the hired servant of the second part.
Witnesseth: for and in consideration of sums
proposed received by said hired servant according
to the regulations issued from the Freedmens
Bureau Montgomery Ala. May 26th 1865 the said
Mary A King obligates and binds herself to give a
servant boy about 12 years old, his clothing, shoes
board and medical attention and two bushels of
corn his time of service to expire the first day
of January 1866 Signed and sealed in the presence
of. Witness
William McNail — Jack x his mark
Jack x Gunn — Mary A King

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State of Alabama } June 24th 1865
City of Montgomery } An agreement made between
C. C. Kelly and the following freedmen. The said
Kelly agrees to pay Ellen a woman five Dollars
per month and George a boy Six Dollars per
month food. cloth and pay their medical bill.
He also agrees with Kitty a woman to feed. cloth
and pay medical bill for herself and two children
one child six and the other two years of age. The
above named freedmen voluntarily agree to stay with
the said Kelly as they have heretofore done. until
the first day of January 1866. The above was read
and explained to the above named freedmen and
voluntarily agreed to by them this 24th day of June 1865.
Witness} R. C. Adams — Jas G. Kelly

State of Alabama } June 6th 1865
Macon County } We the undersigned do
slaves of Henry McKenzie Sr. do hereby agree to
remain with the said Henry McKenzie Sr. and
continue to work as heretofore until the 25th day
of December for and in consideration of the fol
lowing terms The said Henry McKenzie is to clothe

and feed, and give us medical attention, and
bear our time when sick and give us one seventh
(7) part of the crop to wit: Corn, fodder, peas,
potatoes and pindars. Also to furnish nurses
and bath. The above are seventh (7) to be equally
divided among the undersigned, Jims.
Joseph. Isaac. Harvey. Nathaniel. Hinry.
Sidy. Jack. John. Jerome. Abby. Henrietta
Martha. Mary. Nancy. Charity. Hannah. Sophia
Witnesses { Dr. Frank D. Cain
Peter R. McKenzie
Union Miller

1882

The State of Alabama }
Butler County } Know all men by these
presents that under oaths from the Freedmens
Bureau I Catharine Knight of the one part
do hereby contract with the following
freedmen, women and children of the second part
to wit: Bob 43 years, Louis 27 years, Ben 15 years
Millis 17 years, Mary 43 years, Anderson 15 years
Bottie 63 years, infirm, Betsy 36 years and one
child under 12 years, Amanda 35 years and 3
children under 8 years, Patina 25 years and
three (3) children under 8 years, Sophia 15
years and one (1) child under 1 year, Eliza 10
years, Lucy 15 years, Ellen 20 years, Lucy 15 years
Lilla 15 years, Mollie, Kanny and Attaway (Harriet 12 Years) and (3)
orphan children under 14 years, and seven (7)
children under 14 years as follows to wit: J. Catharine
Knight agree to give all the parties of the second
part their food, clothing, medical attendance, fuel
and shelter, from this date until the first
day of January 1866 they working upon
such labor as I may direct, working for
me all of each week until Saturday at noon
then for themselves until Saturday night. I
Catharine Knight do furthermore agree & give
to the parties above mentioned of the second
part, a tenth of the present grain crop, the same

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to be equally divided among them, except the following
parties to wit: Moses, Anderson, Harriet and his children
I Catharine Knight am to feed, clothe and furnish
medical attention to such little ones as are unable
to work. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set
our hands and seals this 11th day of June 1865. Bob x, Louis
Ben x, Millis x, Moses x, Anderson x, Bettie x, Betsy x, Amanda
Patina x, Sophia x, Eliza x, Lucy x, Ellen x, Lucy x, Lilla x
Mollie x, Kanny x, Attaway x, Harriet x.
Witnesses { Jas. F. Jones
W. M. Watts
Catharine Knight

Articles of agreement entered into this 29th day
of June 1865 between W. L. X nox of Aulanga
County State of Alabama of one part and laborers
of the other part Viz: Easter a woman 40 years
old, Emaline a girl 20 years old, Henry a girl 19
years old, and Dick a boy 10 years old, That I
W. L. X nox to agree to give said laborers one tenth of
the corn & sugar cane potatoes raised on the place
the present year also to furnish them clothing, food
medical attendance and fuel. And that we the
said laborers do agree faithfully to perform all
duties intrusted to us, Easter x, Emaline x, Haley x,
Dick x.
Witness } D. S. Hall
W. L. X nox

The State of Alabama }
Lowndes County } We C. S. Knight and
C. W. Knight citizens of Lowndes County and
State of Ala. do hereby certify that on the 27th day
of June 1865 Jo A. Knight of said State and
County and Thomas, Caline, Lucy, Caroline, Henry
and two children, Morria and two children, Sarah
and Hannah former slaves of said Knight now
freedmen and women did make the following con-
tracts to wit: That said Knights in consideration of
the labor of said freedmen and women from
the 25th day of May last until the 1st day of
January next agrees to feed, clothe, provide
medical attention, house room &c as he

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annually has done before. He also agrees to furnish food, clothes, medical attention and home unto to sundry helpless negro children of the said woman. The said Freedmen and woman agree to work as they always have done and to attend to the stock at all times, and to obey the orders of the said Knight or his Superintendent. All parties agreeing to carry out the instructions of the Superintendent of the Freedmens Bureau

Witnesses { E. A. Knight
H. W. Knight } J. A. Knight

June 26th 1865

State of Alabama }
Macon County } To all whom it may concern: I have this day entered into the following contract with the following persons for their labor until the 25th Day of December 1868 the terms of agreement are as follows: That I W. J. A. Kennedy do in the presence of witnesses promise to feed, clothe and keep all medical bills so long as I have said persons employed provided that said laborers do in the presence of witnesses promise to do their work cheerfully and behave respectfully in the presence of their employer or forfeit their wages be discharged or otherwise punished as the law directs, Hannah Jones x, Lucy x, Edy x, Elias x, Clara x.

Witnesses { Chas. D. Mann
Lee Ennis } W. J. A. Kennedy

June 26th 1865

State of Alabama }
Wilcox County } Know all men by these presents that we the undersigned do make the following contract or agreement. J. A. Knight a citizen of the aforesaid County and State, do hold myself firmly bound to the following named negroes, That I will feed, clothe, furnish medical attention when necessary shoes and socks and keep and hold themselves to me to be faithful at their work and obedient

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at all times, and are to stay until the 1st day of January 1866. George x, Isaac x, Manna x, Cobin x, Levi x, Adam x, Lucy x, Three children aged 6, 4, and 2 years x, Mahala aged 22 x, County aged 45 and one idiot age 25 years infirm x, Emanuel x, Doris x, Edage x, Lewis x, Robert x

I also agree to give these negroes one fourth of my corn crop, I will divide it according to merit.

Robt. Stein x, Joe Evans, John W Evans

E. A. Knight

The State of Alabama }
Wilcox County } In obedience to an ordinance published by Thos. H. Cowan Supt. Superintendent of Freedmen. The following agreement made and entered into the 22nd day of June 1865 between Mary Jane King of the said County and State aforesaid of the first part and Jenny a negro woman of the second part. Witnesseth: The party of the first part agrees to furnish clothing, good wholesome food, house rent and fuel. The party of the second part agrees to work for the party of the first part in consideration of clothing, rent and food, and to perform good and faithful labor as usually expected from hired negroes for the balance of the year 1865 or until the first of January 1866

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Witnesses { W. Cook
Geo. T. King } Jenny x her mark
Mary J. King

The State of Alabama }
Wilcox County } In obedience to an ordinance published by Thos. H. Cowan Asst. Superintendent of Freedmen. The following agreement made and entered into between Jonah King of said County and State aforesaid of the first part and Frank, Anderson, Hannah and one child under six years old of the second part witnesseth that the party of the first part agrees to furnish clothing, good wholesome food, medical attention in case of sickness, house room and fuel, and gives them eight acres in corn and lets them cultivate it. The party of the second part in consid-

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eration of clothing, food, house room, com and medical attention agree to work for the said part and to perform good and faithfull labor as usually expected from said negros for the balance of the year 1865 & until January 1st 1866. ~~Frank~~ Dinky X. Frank X Anderson X. Hannah X

Wm Peck
Witness B. D. Nail
A. J. Tucker

Josiah X King
June 21st 1865

State of Alabama
City of Montgomery } This is to certify that I have engaged the service of the Girl Christy Ann until the 1st of Oct. 1866 for her services I pledge myself to pay her six (6) dollars per month besides furnishing her with provisions, food, clothing, fuel and medical attention in case of sickness.

Witness her mark
Wyria E Kennedy T. W. Woodlief Jr.

June 14th 1865

The State of Alabama
Lowndes County } We E. T. Knight and C. E. Brooks Citizens of said County hereby certify that on the date above named Joseph M. Scott of said County and William Brown, ~~Nancy~~ and his children Tilda aged 17 years, 2nd and aged 12, Richard aged seven years with three mules, one yoke of oxen & said Scott's own freedmen and women did make the following contract viz: That the said Scott in consideration of the labor of the said freedmen and women from the 25th day of May last until the first day of January next agrees to feed, clothe, provide medical attention house room and fuel, and give to the said William and Brown one half 1/2 the corn now growing on a parcel of land on the west side of the creek in the Mims field and to Nancy and her children

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all the corn growing on on the part of the said field on the eastern ~~side~~ separated from the field by a certain fence, and Nancy with three children, Ellis with one child and in a helpless condition, Pelham with one child also in a helpless condition & Sarah the said Scott's own freedwoman and women on their part agree & each faithfully and obey all the orders of said Scott & our Superintendent that he may employ to attend to his business.

E. T. Knight
C. E. Brooks

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The State of Alabama
Lowndes County } This agreement made and acknowledged by the colored persons, Alex and Lizzy of the first part and Jos. M. Kennedy of the second part Witnesseth: That in consideration of the covenants of the said Jos. M. Kennedy the said persons Alex and Lizzy covenant and agree to remain on the plantation of the said Jos. M. Kennedy and his yard and faithfull work and to work all days contained with their family as well persons until the first day of January 1866. And in consideration of the covenants of the aforesaid colored persons Alex and Lizzy the said Jos. M. Kennedy covenants and agrees to furnish the said Alex and Lizzy with good clothing medical attendance, corn and fuel, the said Kennedy rendering covenants and agrees to pay and advance to the said Alex twenty pounds of corn twelve pounds mother agrees to conform to the order of the Superintendent and act in all matters not enforced in this agreement. Signed and acknowledged this 16th day of June 1865 in presence of. Alex X his mark
Witness Lizzy X her mark
W. H. Tyler Jos. M. Kennedy

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eration of clothing, food, house room, com and medical attention agree to work for the said part and to perform good and faithfull labor as usually expected from said negros for the balance of the year 1865 or until January 1st 1866. ~~Isaac~~ I. Bently X. Frank X Anderson X. Hamilt X

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Wm Tr Creek
Witness { B. D. Nail
A. J. Tucker

Josiah X King
June 21st 1865

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State of Alabama }
City of Montgomery } This is to certify that I have engaged the services of the girl Christy Anne until the 1st of October 1866 for her services I pledge myself to pay her six (6) dollars per month besides furnishing her with provisions, food, clothing, fuel and medical attention in case of sickness.

Witness
Nancy E Kennedy

her
Tr Wm Woodley Jr.
mark
June 14th 1865

The State of Alabama }
Lowndes County } We E. T. Knight and E. E. Knowles Citizens of said County hereby certify that on the date above named Joseph M. Scott of said County and William Brown, ~~Elenor~~ Nancy and her children Tilda aged 17 years, Sarah aged 12, Richard aged 9 years, with their wives and children from said Scott and freedmen and women did make the following contract viz: That the said Scott in consideration of the labor of the said freedmen and women from the 25th day of May last until the first day of January next agrees to feed, clothe, provide medical attention house room and fuel, and give to the said William and Brown one half 1/2 the corn now growing on a parcel of land on the west side of the creek in the Mims field and to Nancy and her children

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all the corn growing on on the same field on the eastern ~~[illegible]~~ the said boys retaining their own corn three children Christy Anne Sarah and Richard respectively and Tilda with ~~[illegible]~~ in a helpless condition the said Scott agrees to feed, clothe, provide medical and house room. The said women on their part agree ~~[illegible]~~ that they all the days of said Scott ~~[illegible]~~ faithfully that he may employ them

E. E.
E. E.

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The State of Alabama }
Lowndes County } This agreement acknowledged by the colored persons ~~[illegible]~~ day of the first part and E. E. Knowles second part and witness that in consideration of the said E. E. Knowles persons the said second part and in the plantation of the said E. E. good and faithfull work and labor with their duty as well person ~~[illegible]~~ day of January 1866. And in consideration of the aforesaid colored persons the said E. E. Knowles ~~[illegible]~~ the said Alex and Tilda medical attendance care and ~~[illegible]~~ another covenants and agreements the said Alex twenty ~~[illegible]~~ pounds ~~[illegible]~~ further agree to submit to Superintendent in all matters pertaining this agreement. Signed and acknowledged June 1865 in presence of

Witness
E. E. Knowles
E. E.

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State of Alabama }
Lauderdale County } Articles of agreement made and entered into between J. C. Kendrick of the first part and Lina, Alfred, Emaline, Anderson, David, Thomas and Lucinda (formerly slaves of the said J. C. Kendrick) of the second part witnesseth that the said party of the first part agrees to give the said parties of the second part as much land, clothing, food and pay their medical bills for the balance of this year. And the said parties of the second part agree to live with the said party of the first part and labor on the farm faithfully and will obey all orders from the said part of the said part or his wife. The duties of the said parties of the second part are to work all crops raised this the 18th day of June 1865. Emaline X mark. Lina X. Alfred X. Anderson X. Emaline X.
Witness } Rev. Judge C. M. G. D. Venable.
J. T. Connell. W. Peter. J. C. Kendrick

1954

Articles of agreement entered into between Walter K. Wicks and Sarah Katherine of the first part and Anthony Knight, Lucinda Caleria Knight, Eliza Knight, Mary Knight, Wesley Wilson and their families of the second part. We the second part agree to remain and tend the farm and do all things necessary for the good of the place as we have done heretofore. Clean and wash our clothing as we had been doing and at leasure times take out jobs to tan leather to make our shoes or to sew shoes at such times as may occur. We the second part agree to furnish all necessary help for the cultivation of the crops and benefit of the plantation and sufficient horse power to do the work and provision and food for all and in addition to their patches they have planted give them one sixth (1/6) of all the corn

potatoes and peas that will be made on the place and pay the duties with Witness our hands this 1st June 1865. Anthony X. Eliza X. Caleria X. Eliza X. Mary X. Wesley X.
Witness } W. T. Lockett Sarah Whitehouse
J. W. Carden Walter Knight

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The State of Alabama }
Butler County } Agreement between John Ring (employer) and Hal and family (freedmen) also two other laborers. The said employer agrees to furnish food, clothing, house, medical attention, feed &c. And also the said laborers the production of fourteen acres of land. The said laborers agree to labor and perform the usual duties pertaining to the farming interest gathering the crops &c, for the above said purpose, for the remainder of the present year, June 8th 1865.
Witness } H. S. Gordon

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The State of Alabama }
Butler County } [illegible]

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[illegible] 20th 1865. William X his mark
Jack X his mark

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Edward Bacon } Witnesses
Elizabeth Lewis } Witnesses
Lewis Lane } Witnesses

State of Arkansas }
Lonoke County }

Be it remembered that on this 12th day of June A.D. 1868 came before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace within and for said County and State aforesaid Edward Bacon Elizabeth Lewis and Lewis Lane witnesses to the annexed contract between Allen Kennedy and Sam a negro man and after being duly sworn each for himself deposes and says that they saw the said Allen Kennedy sign the annexed contract and heard him acknowledge the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Witness my hand this 12th day of June 1868.

J. A. Hall
J.P.

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State of Arkansas }
Lonoke County }

Be it remembered that on this 1st day of June 1865 personally came before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace within and for said County and State aforesaid Allen Kennedy and Sam a negro man and acknowledged the annexed contract to be their act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned.

Witness my hand this 1st day of June 1865.

J. A. Hall
J.P.

The foregoing contract was correctly read to the negro named in said contract, and the provision explained, and upon asking if he understood the same he says, Agreed to and signed this 1st day of June 1865.

Allen Kennedy

S. A. Hall }
C. E. Donaldson }

State of Arkansas }
Lonoke County } Be it remembered that on this 1st day of June 1865 personally came before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace within and for said County and State aforesaid J. H. Kendrick who executed the foregoing contract and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned, and voluntarily in the performance of such work as has been done by me heretofore such additional clothing, rations or and other necessaries as may be required during the year 1865 which may be agreed upon between me and Allen Kennedy and Sam a negro man. And in consideration of the above obligation J. H. Kendrick agrees and obligates to pay such a share of the crops as may be allotted to said Sam by the Bureau. And in case of failure to perform such duties agree to be subject to the pains and

penalty of the ____ regulations and for all lost time to forfeit 50 cents a day and in like portion for a less time. J.H. Kendrick agrees also to furnish food, clothing and medical attendance, clothing to consist of one pair of shoes per annum and one pair of pants each, This contract to expire the first of January 1866

W. Turner } Jno. S. Holland, Auburn Ala. Mary Turner her mark
Geo. Turner } J.H. Kendrick

State of Alabama }
Pickens County } In relation to amount due and published by Wm. Turner Esq. Justice of the Peace and Ex officio Notary Public in and for said County of Alabama. To All to whom these presents may come Greeting Know ye that Mary a woman about 42 years of age and one husband Tom 33 years of age Stephen a man 25 years of age, Orlena 28 years old and one six children from 2 to 12 years old Caroline a woman 22 years old and her two children 2 and 4 years old, parties of the second part hereof, That the said party of the first part agrees to furnish and provide for the said parties of the second part good and suitable clothing suited to their condition house room fuel, medical attendance and medicine in case of sickness for the ballance of the year 1865 and the first day of January 1866 and the said parties of the second part agrees for and in consideration of said food, clothing, house room, fuel, medical attendance and medicine in case of sickness, to labor for and perform good service in any manner from or kind that the said party of the first may or shall require of them and it is further agreed and understood between the parties of the first and second parts that the parties of the first part shall exercise full control over the parties of the second part to be obedient to the orders of the party of the first part and maintain good order on the plantation. July 22d 1865. In witness

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whereof we have this day set our hands and
Seals Caroline x Dalcie x Dolcia x Amy x
Hal x Shuk mdx
Witness } Anderson Allen Fred S. Kay
The State of Alabama }
Talapoosa County } This contract entered into this
14th day of July between Jackson Hammock of the
first part and the following named freed persons
Viz his slaves of the second part to wit
Viley aged 36 years, Lawson aged 33 years, the said
parties agree to bind themselves to remain on
the plantation to work for and under the direction
and control of the said Jackson Hammock the
present year as they have heretofore done. The
also bind themselves to observe the rules and
regulations established for the government of
colored persons on said premises, they
also bind themselves to take good care of the
stock belonging to said Hammock entrusted to
their care, the said Hammock on his part
binds himself to furnish said parties of the
second part with meat, bread, clothing,
and medical attention when necessary, during
the year as he has done heretofore also to allow
them half of each Saturday unless the condition
of the crops should be such as to require their
services the entire day, also allowing them a
patch of land on the said Freedmans land
agree to work for the above consideration and
perform all the duties required of them by the
rules governing said farm of the crops except their
own patches. In witness whereof the said parties
have hereunto signed their names
Witness } James R. Smith Viley x his mark
Wm. H. Irvin Lawson x his mark

This is to certify that I have this day entered
into an agreement with the following named
freedpersons formerly my slaves, Caroline and
two children Grace, and Lucy. They agreeing to
labor for me as usual subject to the regulations

for freedmen for Twelve (12) months from 25th December 1865, June 15th 1865-

G. P. Bassett

Witness } J. C. Pollard

C. A. Poe

W. L. Zimmerman

J. L. Zimmerman

June 6th 1865

State of Alabama }
Pike County } Terms of agreement between Isaac Hall, John on the one part & it contains his services upon said farm work with the usual privileges and do all things in a workmanlike manner that is necessary about a farm until the first day of January 1866 Isaac Hall upon the other part & to give the said John & his board, clothing and pay & will and give him one fourth (1/4) of what is made on the farm viz: corn, rice and potatoes when gathered.

Witness } Felix Hartman

William Mills

John x his mark

Isaac Hall

June 6th, 1865

State of Alabama }
Pike County } Terms of agreement between Sallie a freed girl and Isaac Hall, Sallie on the one part & & work on the farm and do such the house work & is to remain for a year until the first day of January next, Isaac Hall upon the other part & to provide the said Sallie her board, clothing and pay on Doctor bill.

Witness } Evan x his mark

William Mills

Sallie x her mark

Isaac Hall

State of Alabama }
Dispersal County } This agreement made and entered into in compliance with an order issued by the Asst Superintendent of the Freedmens Bureau of the United States authority. Witness. William F. Holly of the first part. Squire a negro boy 27 years old, Edmund a boy 19 years old and Eliza a woman 50 years old. Whereas W. F. Holly of the first part agrees to feed, clothe and give medical attention the remainder of the present year, viz.

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consideration of which said Negros agree to do
1994 reasonable labor for said W. E. E. Kelly in any
way he may direct, and treat him and his
family with due respect. This 17th July 1865.

Sqnire x his mark
Edmund x his mark
Eliza x her mark
W. E. E. Kelly

Witnesses
Charles Henderson
E. E. Knight

The State of Alabama }
Tallapoosa County } This agreement made
and entered into this day by David Hamby of
the first part, and the Authorities of the United
States of the other part. The said Hamby does
agree to rent three freedmen viz Jinny,
Sarah and Julia to labor for the balance of
1987 the year 1865, for which he the said David
Hamby agrees to furnish them with good
comfortable clothing, food, and house room,
good pair of shoes apiece and pay all medical
bills that may occur for this year 1865. And
the above named laborers agree to do good
and faithfull labor for the said Hamby
for the ballance of this year 1865. Jinny 60
years old, Julia 23 years old. Sarah 25 years old.

Jinny x her mark
Julia x her mark
Sarah x her mark
David Hamby

Witnesses
D. J. Vines
P. S. McKinn

June 20th 1865

State of Alabama }
Chambers County } This agreement made and
entered into this day, between Samuel Harwell on the one
part and the United States authorities on the
other part. Witnesseth: That the said Samuel
Harwell on his part agrees to employ until
the first of January 1866, the following named
freedmen as laborers to wit: Henry aged 44
years, Fortune 46, Charles 28, Willis 21, Joe 17,
George 14, Chick 11, Lon 35, Caroline 33, Sylva 27,
also ten children from 9 years old down to

infancy. The above named laborers promise on their
part to do good and faithfull service for the time above
mentioned, & in consideration whereof the said
Samuel Harwell, agrees on his part to furnish
them with good and comfortable clothing, rations,
house, land and pay any medical bill that may be
necessary for the time mentioned, And in addition
1997 to said patches the said S. Harwell agrees to give them
a certain piece of corn known as the lower
bottom to be picked & divided among them when
gathered. Also to care for the children as heretofore, viz
Henry x, Fortune x, Charley x, Willis x, Joe x, Lovat
Chick x, Lon x, Caroline x, Silvy x.

J. Sikes
Witnesses C. W. Harwell
W. S. Harwell Samuel Harwell

The State of Alabama }
Tallapoosa County } Whereas it is required by
the published regulations of Thos H. Conway
Superintendent of the Freedmens Bureau for
said State and in compliance with the same
that S. Samuel S. Henderson of the said do
enter into any agreement with my former
1993 Slaves of the second part for their labor from
the first of June until the 25th of December
1865, I first I promise to furnish them with
house room, Second I promise all medical
aid and assistance when sick, Third I
promise to feed and clothe them as I have
heretofore. Fourth and last I promise to pay
them ten bushels of corn each & board.
Upon this part they promise to obey any
reasonable order given by me, and make me
the same laborers that they have heretofore
or forfeit their wages agreed upon in the contract
Witnessed by me Daniel x his mark
this 26th July 1865 Joseph x his mark
James M. Heard James S. Henderson

The State of Alabama }
Lowndes County } This agreement made
and entered into between Michael Knikle of
the first and the freedmen formerly his
Slaves of the second part Witnesseth: That the
said Michael Knikle agrees to give them
the freedmen a proper food, clothing, house and
fuel free of charge, and he also agrees to pay for
their Doctors bill should any of them be
sick so to require medical attendance, for
their faithful performance of labor as is given
to the end of the present year 1865. And in
consideration of the covenant made by the said
party of the first part the said party of the
second part agrees to live with the said
Michael Knikle and to labor on his farm
at what work soever he may desire and
direct to be done diligently and faithfully to
the end of this present year 1865 and in case of
any of them refusing, or failing to perform
his or her part of this agreement each and he
agrees to forfeit any claim which he or she
would otherwise have had by this agreement
upon the said party of the first part. In
witness whereof the parties have hereunto set
their hands and affixed their Seals. This 28th
day of July 1865, Signed and Sealed in the
presence of, Maniah 33 years old and Six Children
Andrew X. Robert X. Maniah X. Hamish X.
Witness } U. R. L. Knight
} J. D. Waggoner — M. Knikle
Mrs. Hill Plantation June 14th 1865
We the hands working on the above mentioned
plantation do obligate and bind ourselves to
work faithfully and honestly for Mrs. Hill and
Son until January next and to obey all
lawful orders and to receive as remuneration
one fifth (1/5) of the present crop and in event
of any of us leaving before the time named

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The Parson so leaving shall forfeit all right and title to said Orphs En witness whereof we cause our names to be affixed to this document.
Anne x. Thomas x. George x. Henry x. Alfred x. Moses x
Bob x. Matilda x. Evaline x. Eave x. Hester x.
We obligate ourselves to feed, clothe and give medical attendance as heretofore.
Witness } A. G. A. Hall — Robt. M. Hill
} W. Blackmarsh — Elizabeth Hall

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State of Alabama
Montgomery County } In presence of the subscribed witness Mrs. A. S. Hark promises to pay the following named freedmen for their services from June 1st 1865 to January 1st 1866 one fourth (1/4) of the corn fodder and syrup made on her plantation. Also to clothe, feed and pay Doctors bill for the same. Deducting for the support and expenses of children and loss of time at rates of 50 cents per day for men and 30 cts per day for women. Philip Hall, Kate wife one two children. Jim wife and two children. Liza wife and five children. Lish and one child. Pup and one child. Sallie, Kate and one child. Mary and three children. Fillis and three children. Rhoda and two children. Lilla, Darcy.
Witness } Eno. S. Howell
} Jas. Dennis — A. S. Hark

State of Alabama
Elk County } Articles of agreement made and entered into between Elizabeth K. Hamilton of the first part and Hampton formerly a slave of Lewis Harrell but now freedman of the second part Witnesseth. That I the said E. K. Hamilton of the first part promise to find, clothe furnish house room, fuel and medical attention and ten (10) bushels of corn. And I the above named Hamilton of the second part promise to render to the said E. K. Hamilton faithfull services until the

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first of January 1866. This The 24th Enn 1866.
Witness
H. D. Tisdale

Hampton × his mark
E. R. Hamilton

The following contract was made and entered into between A. H. Brand on the one part and the negroes whose names are herein embraced on the other part, that is to say A. H. Brand does agree to take Morris, Isaac, Ted, Jonah and Simon and give them their food, clothing medical attention, ten bushels of corn and one hog each [illegible] to be gathered, Moses, Peick, Hannah, Julia, Tobe and her six children, Sylla and her eight children, Raymond, Emmit and her child, Peggy and her child, Sarah, and Mary the wife of Peter and her three children, Jack and wife and his children, Milton and Simon from this date to the first day of January next ensuing. All of which above is to be in consideration of work and labor to be done on the plantation of the said A. H. Brand. June the 1st 1865.

The foregoing contract was correctly written in the presence of the negroes whose names are included in said contract & which they all agreed, signed & executed in my presence

Chas. H. Hines
Jno. A. Bolin

State of Alabama
Lowndes County

June 9th 1865

Personally appeared before me this instrument & writing witnessed by Jno. A. Bolin who on oath says he saw O. C. Hudspeth sign the above contract with and for every one of the negroes named freedmen & Wm. Otts and Thomas Davis to furnish them with clothing, food, house room and medical attention and Dan to pay the said Otts three hundred pounds of meat part in pork and part in bacon, to be delivered in corn by the 25th of January 1866. The said Otts

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and Hannah are to remain with and work for Francis E. Hudspeth until January 1st 1866.

Eli his mark, Hannah her mark
E. Hudspeth

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We each state & and Hannah Hudson were severally examined by me and that they voluntarily agreed to the above contract, June 1st 1865

Amos A. J. Alcorn
U. U. Glover

State of Alabama
Lowndes County

June 1st 1865

In consideration of the services to be rendered by the several negroes up to the 15th December next, I hereby covenant & contract with and to pay on the plantation made to work, Said A. Hudspeth equitable among them the [illegible] (1/5) of the present crop including the wheat crop. Said I do the said negroes whose names are hereunto attached agree to work without and to perform all customary plantation duties for the owner of the property made. In consideration of which I do hereby agree to pay the said negroes above named at the rate of fifty cents per day and to work under the direction of said Superintendent Each hour to be computed from the roll call each morning

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names. Lewis X, Milton X, Moses X, Peter X, Rachel X, John X, Simon X, Charlotte X, Rebecca X, Emma X, Lucia X, Ann X, Tom X, Jane X, Sylpha X, Cesar X, Young X, Andrew X, Dominica X, Diamah X, Jemima X, Lee X, Tom, Ted X, Sarah X.

Witness to signatures
The undersigned here by certify that they were present when the negroes whose names are here written consented to the above contract

C. Brockington

The State of Alabama }
Talapoosa County } Know all men by
these presents that I Willis R. Bond of the
State and County aforesaid through military
necessity and in compliance with orders
from the United States Army do make it
following contract with the following named
colored persons to wit Benard Sanford, Wiley Ely
Lucien Long, Harris Sanford Mack Bond
Peter Bond Willis Bond & Bond & Bond
the 25th Day of December 1865 and
continuing in the employ of the said W. R. Bond
in any business he may direct, the said W. R. Bond
agrees to pay each of said colored persons the sum
of ten dollars per month, and to furnish
said colored persons with the necessary provisions
and clothing to
them & their family while they remain
herein stated until the 25th day of December
1866 and to furnish them with medicine &
medical attendance when sick & also to
allow them one acre of land to each
family for the purpose of raising
vegetables for their own use
Wiley Betty Lindsey Emily Ann
Mary Ann & Mack Monroe
Witness Jno. H. Bond
Willis Bond

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State of Alabama
Montgomery County } Be it known that Daniel
F. Hoy of said County did agree to employ his
former slaves for the balance of this year Viz
to until the 25th of December next, upon the terms
and considerations following, He is to allow them 6
qts in the house they now occupy a peck and bottle
of syrup each per week & the right of cane and peas made
on the place to come & remain in place of that
in his judgement each one is entitled to receive
taking into consideration the amount of expense
incurred and the amount of work done & each
2109 person to feed and clothe & work faithfully
as the said F. is to and shall instruct & direct
and they are to do and perform such
other duties as he may direct and in
the event they or either of them shall
refuse to work as directed by the said F. Hoy
or shall absent themselves from the premises
without his consent they shall forfeit and
pay to the said F. Hoy the sum of Fifty
Dollars each for every such offence
Viz Jerry 31 yrs old Farmer 2 children, Jeff 29 yrs old and 2
children, Jake 27 years old Farmer 2 children and
2 children, Bill 25 yrs old and two children, Kelley 23 yrs
and 2 children, Dave Sylla and 5 children
21 yrs old Farmer
Ellen 23 yrs old Seamstress
The State of Alabama } Daniel F. Hoy
Montgomery County } Sarah E. Hoy
I do certify that the
persons this day
date appeared before
me and in
compliance to law
do make the following contracts with the following
named colored persons & agree to pay them for
Peter and Emily, We the above named colored
persons do agree & bind with Mrs. Sarah E. Hoy
aforesaid and to work faithfully at any business
she may direct until the 25th day of December
next. And I the said Sarah E. Hoy do obligate
myself in consideration of such services being

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rendered to feed and clothe the aforenamed
colored persons Peter and Emily and her child
now about three years old. and to pay all
medical bills that may be necessary for the
benefit until the 25th December 1865; to which
we have hereunto set our hands. this 14th day
of Dec 1865. Peter X. Emily X.
Witness James C. Sewell Sarah A. Howard
State of Alabama }
Macon County } This contract entered
into between R. H. Howard of the one part and
the following named freedmen to wit Jim Howard
Jim Mosby, Jacob, Mac, Hawk, Abram, Emily,
William, Mary, Joe, George, Ishom, Jane,
Becca, Lizzie, Chandler, Minnie Langford on
the part Witnesseth. That the said freedmen
with their families will contract in the
service of the said Howard during the
year later on said year until the 25th
of December 1865. It being understood that
they will work at all work usually done
on plantations such as cultivating, planting,
repairing, building, ginning, Skinning and
waring, carting, washing &c the said freedmen
to work ten hours in summer and nine hours
per day in winter to have the afternoon of
Saturday and all of Sunday as their own
time of work days they will remain on the
premises unless permitted by the employer
to be absent. the said R. H. Howard on his
part contracts to furnish the said freedmen
and their families with food and clothing in
such quantities and quality as he may deem to-
them furnished them, also to furnish them
with horses, medical attention and fuel, and
in addition to the above the said Howard
promises to give the said freedmen one
fourth of all the corn, peas, wheat and

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Potatoes, produced on his plantation during the
year 1865 to be divided between the said par-
ties and their families according to the
schedule of prices issued from the Freedmens
Bureau at Montgomery May 26th 1865; it being
understood that the families of the said Antony
Joe and Daniel are not included in the above
Contract said families living on other places.
Jim Howard x. Jim Knight x. Jacob x. Wm x. Henry x.
Adam x. Daniel x. William x. Mary x. Eve x. Lemyra
Antony x. Squire x. Lucca x. Lilly x. Charlotte x.
Minerva x. Tony x.

A. H. Howard

Witness Squire x

Simon x

P. H. Howard

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State of Alabama }
Montgomery County } This indenture entered
into this day between F. J. C. Hansen and
the following named freedmen all of the
afore named County and State. General
and his family of Fanny, Green, Mandy & Lily,
and two children under eight years old, Now
F. J. C. Hansen & the said parties agree to
furnish food, clothing, & medical
attention to the above named freedmen & the
second part, and in addition thereto to give
them eight hundred pounds of corn & the present
farming crop and to abide by the Labor
Regulations issued from Montgomery
May 26th 1865. Now we the above named freed-
men do agree to labor faithfully for the said
F. J. C. Hansen of the said crop & plantation
& any other work it may have until the present
crop is gathered, and to abide by the Labor Regula-
tions as issued from Montgomery May 26th 1865.
In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our
hands and Seals this June the 8th 1865. General x.
Fanny x. Green x. Mandy x. Lily x.

F. J. C. Hansen

We the undersigned witnesses hereby certify that we were present when the foregoing contract was entered into and agreed to.

A. C. McDonald

S. C. McDonald

State of Alabama }
Talladega County } In compliance with and by virtue and force of a late Executive order issued under the authority of the United States this agreement is made and entered into on the 19th day of June A. D. 1865 and is to remain in force until the 1st. of January A. D. 1866 or so much of that time as both parties to the agreement hereinafter named shall stand by and carry out the terms of said agreement of and between Daniel Hatcher of the one part and Harry and Henry aged respectively about 20 and 37 years and formerly slaves of said Hatcher of the second part witnesseth that the said Hatcher in consideration of the covenants on the part of the said parties hereinafter mentioned, doth covenant and agree to and with the said Harry and Henry that is the said Hatcher will provide for them the necessary food, clothing, house room, fuel and such medical attention as may be required for the good of their health and the said Harry and Henry for and in consideration of the covenants on the part of the party of the first part doth covenant and agree to and with the said Hatcher, they respectively, to discharge faithfully all the duties and obey all orders that may be required of them, and is reasonable by the said Hatcher, as such, his servants. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and Seals the day and year above written, Signed Sealed and delivered

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in the presence of
Witness
L. O. Pidgeon
Chas Davis

Henry x his mark
Henry x his mark
Barker

The State of Alabama }
Talapoosa County } In account

This agreement made between Geo. L. Hall
Henry x his mark Barker and Chas Davis
all of said County and State aforesaid
witnesseth that the said Geo. L. Hall
has this day rented and leased unto the said
Henry Barker and Chas Davis the following
described tract or parcel of land lying and
being in the County and State aforesaid
to wit the South East quarter of the South
West quarter of Section No. Twenty Nine
in Township No. Twenty Two in Range No.
Twenty Four East containing forty acres
more or less for the term of one year
from the first day of January A.D. 1866
for the consideration of the rent of
Two Bales of Cotton of Four hundred
pounds each to be delivered at the
Gin House of the said Geo. L. Hall
in the County aforesaid on or before
the first day of December A.D. 1866
The said Henry Barker and Chas Davis
hereby covenant to and with the said
Geo. L. Hall that they will cultivate
the said tract of land during the
said year in a good husbandlike manner
and will not commit or suffer any
waste to be committed on the premises
but will return the same at the end
of the said term in as good order
as they now are reasonable wear and
tear and unavoidable accidents excepted
And the said Geo. L. Hall hereby
covenants to and with the said Henry
Barker and Chas Davis that they
shall have the peaceable possession
of the said premises during the said
term and will warrant and defend
the same against the claims of all
persons whatsoever
In witness whereof we have hereunto
set our hands and seals this 26th day
of June A.D. 1865

Henry x his mark Barker
Chas Davis
Geo. L. Hall

Signed in my presence on the day
and year above written

Henry A. Garrett

This agreement made this 25th day of July 1865
between P. A. Taylor of the County of Chambers
State of Alabama of the first part and Jack
a freedman (formerly the property of Calvin
Peeler) and his wife Betty (formerly the property

of Elizabeth Taylor) in said County and State of the second part, Witnesseth: That the said P. A. Taylor in consideration of the covenants on the part of the party of the second part hereinafter contained doth covenant and agree to and with the said freedmen Jack and Betty that he will furnish them and their children viz: Miles aged 13 years, Eliza E. Monroe 6 E, Dan E. Burt 4, Steve, and Charles 9 months old with proper rations, clothing, house rent, fuel and medical attention for. Jack, Betty and Miles until the first of January next and to pay them the fourth of all the wheat, corn and Sugarcane raised on the place the present year. And the said Jack and Betty in consideration of the covenants on the part of the party of the first part, doth covenant and agree to and with the said P. A. Taylor that they will labor faithfully and diligently for said Taylor until the first day of January next and that they will obey all orders given them by said Taylor and that they will conduct themselves in an orderly manner at all times and that they will pay said Taylor on the first day of January next three dollars per month from date for each of their five younger children as compensation for rations and clothing. Signed in the presence of

Witnesses { J. A. Green
S. N. Green

Jack x his mark
Betty x her mark
P. A. Taylor

State of Alabama }
Montgomery County } This article of agreement between C. F. Robertson and J. J. Williams of the one part and the following negroes of the other part Viz: Jack, Lunge, Daniel, Frank, Grundy, Arthur, Eve, Monroe, Ann, Nash, Jack, Nancy, Jane, Moss, Jane, Daniel, Eliza Robertson, Eliza

Saunders, Ann, Louji, Georgeann, Louise,
Fanny, Adam, Linder, Dell, Sarah, Ann, Big Mollie,
Little Mollie, Hannah, Lina, Matt, Martha,
Moriah, Betsey, Lucinda, Margret, Dick and
Doct the two last being Girls and Silvy Witness Br.
That the negroes aforementioned are bound and
obligated to labor for and in behalf of the said
B. & F. Robertson and J. J. Williams in taking
care of and management of their crop and to
do such other work as they may designate
and to be governed in their use of the
regulations published by the Superintendent of
the Freedmens Bureau at Montgomery
Alabama on the 26th of May 1865. And the said
B. & F. Robertson and J. J. Williams agree to
give to the negroes aforesaid one third of the crop
of corn and molasses raised on their plan-
tation to be delivered to said negroes on the
premises when gathered & be by them divided
according to the classes of labor mentioned
in the published regulations. They are also
bound to give lodging, fuel, food and medical
attention and also to secure to them comfortable
clothing when they may ask same but
in no case to furnish clothing when they have
plenty or when the willful or negligent waste
or destruction of same, nor are these to be furnished
on the other days when gathered & the
crop shall be divided, Said negroes or the
stock belonging to B. & F. and J. J. W. are to be sell
out of the crop but none first. Ann Louisa,
Georgeann, Louise, Adam, Jane, Linder
Dell, Sarah, Hannah, Big Mollie, Little Mollie,
Hannah, Lina, Matt, Martha, Moriah, Betsey, Lucinda
Margret, Dick, Doct, Eliza Robertson, Eliza Saunders, Jane
Saunders, Jane Saunders, Martha, Hannah, Betsey,
Saunders, Harriet, Ellen, Caleb, Hannah, Lucy

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Witness } Hannah Eaton — his X mark
Jno A Eaton — J. J. Rutland

State of Alabama
Montgomery County } This contract entered into the 10th of June 1865 between J. J. Rutland of the second part and Peck Eaton, Hannah and Henry of the second part Witnesseth, That the said Peck, Eaton, Hannah and Henry of said St. Alabama and County aforesaid for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to the said parties of the second part in hand paid at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell unto the said parties of the second part their heirs executors administrators and assigns forever the following described negroes to wit Peck a negro man slave for life, Eaton a negro man slave for life, Hannah a negro woman slave for life and Henry a negro man slave for life. To have and to hold the said negroes unto the said parties of the second part their heirs executors administrators and assigns forever. And the said party of the first part for himself his heirs executors and administrators doth hereby covenant promise and agree to and with the said parties of the second part their heirs executors administrators and assigns that he the said party of the first part is lawfully seized in his own right of the said negroes and has good right to sell and convey the same in manner aforesaid that the said negroes are free from all encumbrances that he will warrant and forever defend the right and title to the said negroes unto the said parties of the second part their heirs executors administrators and assigns forever against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whatsoever. And the said party of the first part for himself his heirs executors and administrators doth hereby covenant promise and agree to and with the said parties of the second part their heirs executors administrators and assigns that he the said party of the first part will not at any time hereafter by himself or any other person or persons claiming or to claim by from or under him directly or indirectly sell dispose of or convey any right title claim or interest in or to the said negroes or any of them but will forever warrant and defend

State of Alabama } Feby 21st 1865
Dooding County } A. G. Riley & The State
and County aforesaid agree to and to
following named colored people who are in
my place their usual amount of Clothing
Rations, Houses and Medical Attention, They
agree to work faithfully and obey Military
Stevenson and Sundays excepted until
the 24th day of December next. Witness my
hand and seal the day and year above written

Witness } Queen Reid
Wm McCormick A. C. 2d Ills Cav. Eliza her mark

State of Alabama } Ent. 1st 1865
Dooding County } We the undersigned
laboring on the estate plantation of A. G.
Stanton in the above said State and County in
consideration of food, clothing, and medical
attendance do agree to live on said place
the remainder of the year performing our duties
as laborers in a faithful manner & obey all orders
given by our employer or Overseer according
all misdemeanors not to leave the place or have
trespass without their permission, We hold our-
selves responsible for all depredations committed by
ourselves or children in the burnett of the
place All rails damaged or split, or left out
of their bound abroad, or stock by us or any
for, Such and similar deductions will be
performed by us on Saturday and Sunday
such as making fires hooking and watering
Stock &c. We work schedule time under a
task master the 2 hours spinning six cuts
a day except Saturdays when we spin three
We promise also to report all cases of quar-
relling and fighting among ourselves and will
dispose of all dogs in our possession. We de-
pend on our employer for any remuneration
for the loan of food, clothing &c Signed in the
presence of R. J. Riley. Jake x Holden x Martin x

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Jack x Dick x Amanda x Hannah x Sallie x
Dorcas x Betsy x Judy x Rose x Lucy x

State of Alabama } July 26th 1865
Lowndes County } Be it known that we the
undersigned citizens of the State
and County aforesaid agree to give the
following named colored people the use of
my place their usual amount of clothing,
rations, houses and medical attention Also
each a hog six months old at the end of
this year they agree to work faithfully
every day Saturday excepted and
Sundays excepted until the 25th of
December next all of which is agreed to
in the presence of

Witness
A. O. Haley
A. Haley

Jack x his mark
Dick x "
Amanda x her mark

State of Alabama }
Dallas County } In compliance with
and by force and virtue of a record which is
now record under the authority of the U. S.
States: This agreement is made and entered into
on the 19th day of June A. D. 1865 and is to
remain in force until the 1st day of January
A. D. 1866 or so much of that time as both
parties to the agreement hereafter named
shall stand by and carry out said agreements
by and between Dallas Hatcher of the one
State and County of the first part and
Charlotte and Milly negro women aged
respectively 21 and 17 years and formerly
slaves of the said Hatcher of the second
part Witnesseth that the said Hatcher for
and in consideration of the covenants on the
part of the party of the second part hereinafter mentioned doth covenant and agree
to and with the said Charlotte and Milly
that he the said Hatcher will provide for
them the necessary food clothing house room

ful and such medical attention as may be
good for their wife and the said Charlotte
and Nicholas and in consideration of the
premises on the part of the party of the said
first with covenant and agree to and with the
said Nathan they respectively to discharge
faithfully and to the best of their ability the
duties and charges which by virtue of said
office required of them, or each of them by the
said Nathan. The following described real
estate and interest therein to wit one undivided
undivided one half interest in the South West
quarter of Section Eleven (11) Township
Eighteen (18) Range Eleven East
State of Alabama
Lowndes County } The following contract was
this day entered into between George Harrison
of the first part and the negro woman
named Charlotte of the second part to
Geo. Harrison on said part of the first part
said negro with her child or children
hereafter born of said Charlotte
to and the said party of the first part
agrees to and does hereby covenant with the said
party of the second part that the said negro
shall remain on the said plantation the
balance of the year 1865 to which and all
duties devolve on Geo. Harrison as his agent to
work faithfully and industriously to maintain and
raise. This June 19th 1865, Ned x. Dick x. Thomas
Celia x. Lucia x. Lillie x. Caroline x. Louisa x.
Peggy x. Alex x. Nicholas x.
Witness Sid. McQueen Geo. Harrison
State of Alabama
Montgomery County } This instrument made and
entered into this 13th day of June 1865 Between
Nathan & Letha H. all parties of the first part

contracts with the freedmen men women, boys and girls whose names are here with subscribed to give to them seed, cutting, hauling, tool and pay their Quota till as hereafter and one fourth (1/4) of the corn, cotton, peas, potatoes fodder and hay that shall make and cure on the plantation the 24th day of December next. In consideration whereof the freedmen parties of the second part contract with and bind themselves to said Hall or Storey until the 24th day of December next and do pledge themselves to conform to the rules and regulations made by said Hall and to work the land faithfully under his direction. He further contract to dispose of all stock or corn of any kind in fifteen days to be changed with all time lost when sick or forced to be absent to deliver to said Hall one half of the eggs and poultry raised. He also contract that should one or more of us become of bad conduct or noncompliance with rules set forth on these premises it shall be in favor of said Hall and should he desire to become terminate this contract at any time after the crop is gathered giving to one fourth (1/4) the corn. He also contract to commence work by the time the sun is half an hour high or earlier if necessary to work within the published rules of labor but said Hall is to allow us the half day Saturdays, and is further agreed by both of the parties that a former contract having been made by three contracting parties to which ten other freedmen were contracting parties and they having forfeited their shares by abandoning the contract that of this contract is substituted in the place of that, that in the division of the one fourth (1/4) of the crop falling to the parties of the second part into shares for distribution among them

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eleven other shares shall be included five of which shall go to said Hill of the first part and the other five to the contracting parties of the second part but all the fortunes shall be exclusively in favor of said Hill. In testimony whereof we the two contracting parties have hereunto subscribed our names and marks. Peter x. Charles x. Polk x. Peter x. Lucke x. Henry x. Jack x. Sam x. Charles x. Polk x. Peter x. Lucke x. Henry x. Jack x. Peter x. Jack x. Isabella x. Ellen x. Peter x. Polk x. Charles x. Jack

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about named freedmen and women one
third (⅓) of the crops raised and gathered on
said farm on or before the 1st day of
January A.D. 1866 for their sole use and
benefit, Big Jim, Ned, Jane and Allen are
to have as much of Tamps & Halls land as
they can cultivate and are to deliver to
the said Mrs. Hall one third (⅓) of the crops
raised on said land on or before the 1st day
of January A.D. 1866, Hilly is to work for
the said M.W. Hall for the remainder of the
year A.D. 1865 and the said Mrs. Hall is to
find her board and her own clothes, and
to have a house on said farm. Frank, Tamer
and Elisha are to work and ship card and
for the remainder of the year for the benefit
of the said M.J. Hall, and the said Mrs.
Hall agrees to deliver to them one half of the
products of the sale of said crops as it may
be sold in Lots, Clem and Lucy agree to
work for the said Mrs. Hall as she may
require and she is to allow them one day
in every week besides Sundays as holiday
and to give them full clothing, provisions
and medical attention, Lucy and three
children. Frances with five children.
Hilly and four children, Hattie and infant
Tamie and five children, Elisha and six
children, Susan and three children are to be
allowed a lot in the corner of said Mrs.
Hall for the remainder of the year A.D. 1865
and to do little extra jobs on the behalf
of said M.W. Hall. In witness whereof the said
Tamps E. Hall hereunto affixes her signature.

T. E. Hall

I do hereby certify that the above contract was
read in my presence and in the presence of the
contracting parties and the said Tamps E. Hall
did in my presence affix her Signature

T. M. Jackson

State of Alabama } July 3rd 1865
Montgomery County } W. T. Ashley do this
day employ from now until January 1866
a colored man named Robert at ten (10)
Dollars per month and find him clothes himself and pay his Doctors bill
and buy Robert is to be allowed to visit his
wife twice between this and January 1866 he
is to do any kind of work except cutting and
splitting wood regularly is not to leave the
place any time without verbal or written
consent the half of two Saturdays in a month
he works, the other ten hours works unless in an
emergency, he is to take good care of and
properly in no way abuse them or suffer
them taken or stolen from him. I am to
make a full and final settlement with him
on the 1st day of January 1866
Witness } P. H. Hubbard
} C. A. Cobb W. T. Ashley

The State of Alabama }
Butler County } It is hereby agreed by
A. St. Alford and the following bound woman and
her children viz: Hannah. Dennis 7 years old Harriet
4 years old. Hannah the woman on her part
agrees and binds herself to work until the 25th
day of December 1865 on the plantation of Mr.
Alford in cultivating and raising the crops and
other ordinary work on the premises, and to perform
any other reasonable labor outside of the farm
that the said Alford thinks proper to put
her at, under the direction and control of said
Alford or his agent for nine hours per day in summer and
nine in winter except one half of each Sat-
urday and the whole of each Sunday on
which day and a half they are not compelled
to labor except in cases of necessity about
the crops in feeding and attending to stock,
for which services the said Alford binds

himself to bee in a substantiat manner the said woman Hannah and her two children and give them house room, food and proper medical attention, clothing and shoes, and also promises to furnish the stock and farming utensils to gather the crop in consideration of the services of the said woman Hannah, In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 20th day of June 1865,

Witness } E. Etheridge
} H. S. Green

Hannah x her mark
A. S. Ayer

State of Alabama }
Lowndes County } Contract entered into and agreed upon between Jno. D. Evans and the following laborers ~~his~~ their names are hereunto affixed, 1st the said Jno D Evans on his part agrees to furnish the said laborers such food, clothing, medical attention, house and fuel as may be necessary for their support according to the requirements set forth in the regulations ~~set forth~~ published by Brevet Maj. Genl. Smith of 8th Corps and approved by Maj. Genl. A. J. Smith on the 26th of May 1865 the said Jno D Evans agrees to give to the said laborers at the end of the present one fifth (1/5) of the corn peas and potatoes produced by them the present year, 2nd the said laborers on their part agree to work faithfully for the said Jno D Evans according to the requirements set forth in the said regulations above referred to until the 1st Day of January 1866 and to do and perform such labor on the plantation or elsewhere as the said Jno D Evans or his representative may direct and perform agree in every way to promote the interests of the said Jno D Evans by

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gaing proper care and attention to Stock
plantation tools and fixtures and that
we will conform to such plantation rules
and regulations as we have heretofore been
accustomed to. John x. Daniel x. Jacob x.
Isaac x. Sampson x. Adam x. Jimmy x. Little John x.
Bonaparte x. Solomon x. Francis x. Margret x
Emaline x. Marian x. Hector x. Big Daniel x.
Hannah x. Little Hannah Benjamin x. Frances x
Easter x. Lucy x. Kinsley Hannah x. Dicky x.
Phoebe x. Charleston Hannah x. Charleston Henry x.
Ann x. Georgeanna Eve x. Scott x. Sarah x Celia x.
Signed in the presence of
Witness } Sam'l Harrison Jacob E Evans
} Eliza Harrison 2nd Mt. Enc.

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Filed 1st February 1866 at 10 o'clock A.M. and recorded
in the Register's Office for Edgefield District in Book
[illegible] page 216 &c. Examined this 3rd day of
March 1866 and I do certify that the above
named Sam'l Harrison and also to do faith-
fully all the good needful on the plantation
such as Ditching, fencing, Building rails &c.
We further agree to make good all time
lost by sickness or other causes and to pay

Doctrb [illegible] for our family, and entrance
home, should there be any, also to pay
for clothing and rations furnished by
[illegible] Admrd to our family and are not
employed on the plantation or otherwise and
should any of us leave the plantation with-
out authority or refuse to work one day
to [illegible] such offender in the method of the
said [illegible] which will recur back to the said
[illegible] Admrd or have all our [illegible]
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Laid this the 18th Day of July 1865 in presence
of Clerk & Andrew Carriger & Geo Geo
Witness Daniel Cooper
his
Samuel X Hendrix
mark
Samuel Hendrix
June 12th 1865

An agreement entered into between Simeon
Alexander and a colored woman named
Malinda and her children namely, Lucy Lewis
11 years old, Emma 8 years, Emaline 6 years,
and Ann 2 years old, & Simeon Alexander
agree to support said woman and children
pay all Doctor bills, clothe them and give
food and shelter for the balance of the year
& Malinda colored woman do agree to do all
the work for said Simeon F. Alexander for
the balance of the year and keep the
house in order and
her
Malinda X Hancock
mark
Simeon Alexander

State of Arkansas
Lafayette County } We certify that
entered into this 20th day of June A.D. 1865
by and between Simeon Alexander Esq and
Malinda Hancock a woman of color of the
said parties of the second part Witnesseth:
That the parties of the said and second part
have stipulated and agreed as follows, That the
said parties of the second part shall and will
and faithfully serve the said party of the first
part During the remainder of the present year
1865 in the capacity of laborers or servants, and
to obey all of his lawful commands or orders
touching the labor or business, and it faithfully
do and perform and not refuse to serve the
the said party of the first part During said
year, and the said party of the first in
consideration of the promises and agreements
of the said parties of the second part
agrees on his part to keep over and

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deliver to the parties of the second part one seventh (1/7) of all the corn made and gathered on the lands rented and marked by the parties of the second part during said year and to divide the same as soon after the gathering thereof as practicable and to furnish to the said parties of the second part such cutting necessary for and attendance with said mules and to care in during the remainder of said year and to treat the same humanely. And in addition to the above the said parties of the second part have hereunto set their hands and seals this 3rd day and date above written.

Daniel X
Alfred X
Sam X
Matilda X

D. H. Alexander
Jesse X
Frances X

Jesse 10th 1900

I H. L. Alford the first party to agree with any person else to rent them the Third (1/3) part of all the corn, peas and potatoes made on said plantation the present year for their services according to the written agreement between them and they agreed to render service, Morgan, Ned, Isaac, Kinney, Tom, Fred, Joe, Lina, Elliott, Carey, Matilda, Lee, Nina, Antonette, Lena, Lettie, Georgiana, Enoch, Dora, Sidney, Major, Dick.

Witness { H. L. Alford, Summer, his mark
Chas. Cook } H. L. Alford

State of Alabama
Talladega County } Articles of agreement made and entered into between Hunter Alford of County and State above mentioned and Phil a boy of color about twenty four years old that the said Alley does agree and

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clothe and find all other things needful
said boy of certain requirements and the
said Phil agree to labor faithfully
for the said Allen until the 25th of December
next for the consideration above mentioned
& Allen agrees to the Parties first above mentioned
each their hands this the 18th Day of May 1865.
Signed in presence of
Witness } Henry Richardson
Alfred + Reed
State of Arkansas
Ouachita County } Before me A. Lacy
a J.P. 1st Dist.
Alfred Reed & Phil a Negro boy
the first for Seventeen years & the latter for ten
years until the 1st Day of January 1866 and
as paid a consideration for his labor & provided
him with food, clothing and medical attend-
ance.
Elenor + Adcock
Be it by these Presents agreed
by the above Parties
Witness } H. C. Bequard
State of Arkansas
Montgomery County } I. C. Bequard
June 19th 65
This contract made
and entered into between Elenor and her
minor children of the County and
State aforesaid parties of the first part and
Joshua Jones of the second part Witnesseth
that the said Jems and Mahala agree to
labor upon the farm of said Joshua
Jones until 1st January next. That further
agree to work without said date to
perform their work well to obey all orders
that may be given them at their
work; to give no impudence or insolence; and
that reasonable deductions be made from
their wages hereinafter mentioned, for loss
of time, whether caused from sickness pretend-
ed sickness or idleness. And the said Joshua
Jones of the second part agrees to pay the
said Jems and Mahala for such labor, subject

to the deductions that must be made as aforesaid, thirty (30) bushels of corn and one hundred (100) pounds of bacon to be delivered on Christmas Day next and to furnish them the said Jerry and Martha one suit of clothes one pair of shoes each rations and medical attendance in case of sickness. The said Jerry and Martha agree to forfeit their wages if they do not come fully up to the contract aforesaid upon.

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In testimony whereof the said parties of the first part have affixed his mark. and the said party of the second part has written his name.

Witness Ed. Powell

Jerry X his mark
Martha X

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A contract made [illegible]

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force and effect until the first Day of January 1866 and if any of said slave named negroes shall fail to work or pay the rents of said Auld, he said Auld is to have the power to remove them from the plantation and they who are so expelled are to forfeit to the said Auld their proportional share of said crop, In witness whereof the parties to the said first hereinbefore set their hand and seal the day and year above written, Signed sealed and delivered in presence of us, the words one hundred and six hundred hereinbefore mentioned has been interlined before the signing, Jas. H. Auld (L.S.)
Wm. H. Freeman
Jno. A. Lee
State of Maryland
Talbot County Court

Be it remembered that on this 15th day of January A.D. 1866 before the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Talbot County aforesaid personally appeared James H. Auld and Thomas H. Freeman the witnesses to the foregoing agreement and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that they saw the within named James H. Auld sign seal and as his act and deed deliver the aforegoing agreement for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and that they subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the said James H. Auld, Sworn and subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid, Jno. A. Lee J.P.

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This is to certify that the above agreement was this day entered into between J. H. Auld and the freedman as he hereinafter is to be named explained & fully in our presence, the relative position & each party as to the other and to the agreement, Oct 16th 1865.
Jno. H. Goulding
B. C. Webb

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Memorandum of an agreement made and entered into this 15th day of January 1866 between James H. Auld of the first part and Prince [illegible] of the second part witnesseth that the said party of the second part for and in consideration of the sum of [illegible] dollars to be paid by the said party of the first part at the end of the year 1866 hereby agrees to remain with the said party of the first part as a laborer on the farm of the said party of the first part in the district aforesaid for the term of one year from the date hereof and to conduct himself honestly and obediently during the said term and to perform all such reasonable services as he may be required to perform by the said party of the first part and the said party of the first part agrees to furnish the said party of the second part with [illegible] dollars per month during the said term and to furnish him with a comfortable house to live in and to furnish him with [illegible] cords of wood during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] bushels of corn and [illegible] bushels of potatoes during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of pork during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of beef during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of flour during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of sugar during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of coffee during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of tea during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of soap during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of candles during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of tobacco during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of snuff during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of pepper during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of salt during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of mustard during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of ginger during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of cinnamon during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of cloves during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of nutmegs during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of allspice during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of saltpetre during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of alum during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of copperas during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of indigo during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of madder during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of logwood during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of fustic during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of redwood during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of sandalwood during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of camphor during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of myrrh during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of frankincense during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of benzoin during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of storax during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of labdanum during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of ambergris during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of musk during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of civet during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of castoreum during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of opium during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of laudanum during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of paregoric during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of camphorated spirits during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of sweet spirits of nitre during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of spirits of turpentine during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of oil of vitriol during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of aqua fortis during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of muriatic acid during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of nitric acid during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of acetic acid during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of oxalic acid during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of tartaric acid during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of citric acid during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of malic acid during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of succinic acid during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of benzoic acid during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of salicylic acid during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of gallic acid during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of tannic acid during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of ellagic acid during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of rufigallic acid during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of chrysophanic acid during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of erythrogallic acid during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of purpurogallic acid during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of carminic acid during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of kermesic acid during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of laccaic acid during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of flavopurpurin during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of anthrapurpurin during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of anthragallol during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of isoflavopurpurin during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of isoanthrapurpurin during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of isoanthragallol during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of alizarin during the said term and to furnish him with [illegible] pounds of pur

D. Gilmer of the second part witnesseth that the above named freedmen and women the parts of the first part do hereby agree to remain on the farm & in the employ of the said Edmund D. Gilmer until the first day of January 1865 and during said time to be governed by the rules & regulations in this contract mentioned & the said parties of the second part hereby agree to work faithfully ten (10) hours per day in summer and nine hours in winter each day except Saturday afternoon & Sunday & such other holidays as may be allowed by the Superintendent & to conform to & keep in good order & use in a careful & proper manner such implements & tools as may be furnished to them by the said party of the first part & to be responsible for the value of such as may be lost or destroyed by their carelessness & bad usage, the value of the same to be deducted from their wages at the end of the year. The said party of the first part hereby agrees to furnish to the said parties of the second part comfortable houses & firewood for the use of their families & to allow them the use of a garden spot & pasture for a cow each & to furnish them with medical attendance & medicines when sick & to furnish them with plain & wholesome food & to furnish them with the following articles of clothing, viz: [illegible] per year for each man, [illegible] per year for each woman & [illegible] per year for each child & to furnish them with

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subject to his control and orders as heretofore and to be respected in their persons & him of the said part his heirs and assigns. It is understood that this agreement & binding on the parties until the first day of January 1866 unless sooner annulled by the mutual agreement of the parties. Witness our hands on this 19th day of December 1865, Dicks Goodrich, Brice & Hunt, Burdett & Dicks, Clark, Frances Dicks, Jones & Clark, Frances Dicks.

Witness) H. I. Bond
E. D. Pickard
I. Gifford

State of Arkansas
County of Phillips Memorandum of contract between W. H. Hunt of the one part, and the freedmen & others as whose names are hereto set their marks on the other part. Witnesseth that the said party of the first part employs the said freedmen & others as laborers for the year 1866. Commencing on the first day of January 1866 and ending on the 31st day of December 1866. The said party of the first part agrees to furnish them with provisions and medical attendance when necessary also to furnish the grounds & crops & the planting & cultivating & gathering & saving the crops & the said parties of the second part agree upon their part to work faithfully on the land & premises of the said party of the first part during the year aforesaid & to conform to all the rules & regulations established by the said party of the first part for the government of laborers on said premises. The said parties of the second part are to receive as compensation for their labor during the year aforesaid the following proportion of the crops raised on the said premises to wit: Each able bodied man shall receive one third of the crop raised by his team & plough & each able bodied man who shall work in the field without a team shall receive one fourth of the crop raised by his labor & each able bodied woman shall receive one fourth of the crop raised by her labor & each child shall receive such portion of the crop as may be agreed upon by the parties hereto according to the services rendered. The said parties of the second part are to work in the following manner & proportion to wit: The hands are to be divided by the said party of the first part into classes of first second & third class hands & the first class hands are to work ten hours per day, the second class hands nine hours per day & the third class hands such number of hours per day as may be assigned to them by the said party of the first part. The said parties of the second part are to be allowed two hours at noon in the summer season & one hour at noon in the winter season for dinner & rest. The said parties of the second part are to be allowed the following holidays to wit: Christmas, New Years, the fourth of July, Good Friday, Easter Monday & the day appointed by the President of the United States for a day of fasting humiliation & prayer & no more. The said parties of the second part are to be allowed the privilege of hunting & fishing on the premises of the said party of the first part at such times as will not interfere with the crops & the said parties of the second part are to be allowed the privilege of keeping such stock on the premises of the said party of the first part as may be agreed upon by the said parties hereto. The

Vickers T.V. & } State of Alabama. } June 17th 1865.
Montgomery County } An Agreement between T.V.A Vickers of the first part and John and his Wife Mary, Lewis and his Wife ~~Biney~~, and ~~Jinks~~ (Colored people) of the second part. The condition of the above agreement is as follows. T.V.A Vickers has hired the above named colored people to work for him until the first day of January next (1866) And they agree to work where ever and to do any sort of work he the said T.V.A Vickers tells them to do. And they agree to be obedient and work faithfully ten hours per day in Summer and nine hours per day in winter for which T.V.A Vickers is to furnish them Bread, Vegetables, milk and meat when he has it to eat and fuel and Cotton Cloth to make them one suit of Clothes and one pair of Shoes and to furnish Medical Attention. And also to give them one fourth of the Corn and Peas that they make on his place. If either one of the above named colored people dont work as he or she ought to do or gives any cause whatever to be discharged T.V.A. Vickers has the right to discharge him or her from the place and not pay them for the work done by him or her. And if either one of them leaves without the consent of T.V.A Vickers. He or she shall not receive any pay for the time he or she worked. John and Mary has four children and if T.V.A Vickers furnishes them with any Clothing. They are to pay him out of their part of the Corn and Peas for such Clothing furnished the Children. And no part of the Corn and Peas belonging to the above named Colored people shall be moved off of T.V.A Vickers place before the first day of January next without his consent. In Witness where of we have hereunto subscribed our names.

T.V.A Vickers.

Witness. D.W. Morrell. John x Lewis x Mary x their Marks

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Vickers T.V. & } State of Alabama. } June 17th 1865.
Montgomery County } An Agreement between T.V.A Vickers of the first part and Bill and his Wife Harriett (Colored People) of the second part. The condition of the above agreement is as follows. T.V.A Vickers has hired the above named colored People and their two Sons Andrew and Robert to work for him until the first day of January next (1866) and the above named colored People agree to do any sort of work and work where ever T.V.A Vickers tells them to work. and they agree to be obedient and work faithful Ten

hours a day in Summer and nine hours a day in Winter And T.V.A Vickers agrees to furnish them with Corn meal to eat and Fuel and Cotton Cloth to make them one suit of Clothes and Leather to make them one pair of Shoes and furnish Medical attendance when sick. and to pay Bill and Harriett for the services of them and their two sons one fourth of the Corn and Peas that they make on his place. Bill and Harriett have three small Children. which they are to pay T.V.A Vickers for Board and for any clothing furnished their children they are to pay out of their part of the Corn and Peas. If either one of the above named Col'd people does not work as he or she ought to do or gives T.V.A Vickers any cause whatever to discharge him or her. He has the right to discharge him or her and not pay him or her for the work done by him or her. And the Corn and Peas that T.V.A Vickers pays to the above named Colored People shall not be moved off of his place without his consent before the first of January 1866. T.V.A. Vickers furnishes the above named Colored People with any meat they are to pay him for it out of any part of their crop of Corn and Peas In Witness where of we have hereunto subscribed our names the day and year above written

T.V.A. Vickers.
Bill x his mark
Harriett x her mark.

Witness
D. W. Morrell.

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Goodwyn A.G. } State of Alabama } August 1st 1865.
Autauga County } This is to certify that the following contract was entered into this 1st day of August 1865 between Dr. A.G. Goodwyn on the one part & the following named Freedmen on the other part. Robert, Absolam, Simon, Jeff & Nick Jr. In consideration of the labor and services of the above named Freedmen faithfully to be performed on my Plantation and Residence in performing all and every duty required of Laborers untill Christmas of this year I hereby agree to give to Robert the sum of Fifty Dollars. To Absolam the sum of Forty Dollars. To Simon the sum of Forty Dollars. To Jeff the sum of Fifteen Dollars. To Nick Jr. the sum Twenty Dollars finding them House room, Fuel, Food Medical attendance. deducting for time lost by conduct of any one of said Freedmen from their above mentioned allowance A.G. Goodwyn
Robert x Absolam x Simon x Nick Jr. x Jeff their Marks
Witness

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Allen. E. State of Alabama } This is to make known that Eliza
Montgomery County } Allen. of the above named State and County
on the one part and the negroes whose names are attacheed to this
instrument on the other part have entered into the following agree
ment, to wit. The negroes aforesaid have hired themselves to the
said Eliza Allen until the 15" day of October next, or until
the Crop now growing shall have been all gathered. They agree to
labor faithfully in her services until that time in strict con
formity to the regulations published by the Freedmens Bureau
on the 25" day of May 1865. at the City of Montgomery Ala.
As compensation for their services the said Eliza Allen agrees
that they shall have one half ½ of the Field Crops produced the pre
sent year on the land cultivated by them collectively not including
ing the Oat Crop. already gathered. She further agrees to furnish
them with Fuel and House room, but it is stipulated that they
shall defray all other personal expenses. It is agreed further
that the following negroes, to wit Old Burrell. Old Billy, and Old
Caroline being engaged in labor that will be of common benefit
to these and other negro Laborers on the same plantation are to
receive out of the portion of the Crop herein stipulated to be given
to the negroes aforesaid only one half of the remuneration that
will be due them for their services. the other half to be paid out of
the portion of the crop stipulated to be given to the other negro
Laborers. on said Plantation under Contract of same date
as this. Witness the Signatures of the parties to this agreement
this the 30" day of June 1865. Eliza Allen =
Edmond x Allen. Eliza x Allen. Mary Francis x Allen. Alexander
x Allen Lucy x Allen. Billy x Allen. Amanda. x Allen. Lucinda x
Allen. Phillis x Allen. Burrell x Allen Eli x Allen. Elizabeth x Allen
Cornelia x Allen. William x Allen. Frederick x Allen Doctor x Allen
Caroline x Allen Adaline x Allen. Joseph x Allen. Jane x Allen x
Nathan x Allen. Lizzie x Allen. Milley x Allen. Dennis x Allen
Julius x Allen their names and marks. in the presance of the foll
ing Witnesses. M. A. Sayre. J. V. Allen

Allen. E. State of Alabama } This is to make known that Eliza Allen
Montgomery County } of the above named State and County on
the one part and the negroes whose names are attached to this
Instrument on the other part have entered into the follow

agreement to wit. The negroes aforesaid have hired them
selves unto the said Eliza Allen until the 15" day of Oct=
ober next or until the Crops now growing shall have been
gathered. They agree to labor faithfully in her service until
that time in strict conformity to the regulations publish
ed by the Freedmens Bureau on the 25 day of May 1865.
at the City of Montgomery Ala. As compensation for
their services the said Eliza Allen agrees that they shall
have the one half ½ of the Field Crops produced the present
year on the land cultivated by them collectively. not in=
cluding the Oat Crop already gathered. She further agrees
to furnish them with fuel and house room but it is
stipulated that they shall defray all personal expenses=
It is agreed further that the three following negroes to wit
Old Burrell. Old Billy and Old Caroline being engaged in
Labor that will be of common benefit to these and other
Laborers on the same plantation are to receive out of the
portion of the Crop herein stipulated to be given to the negroes
aforesaid only one half of the remuneration that will be
due them for their services. the other half to be paid out of
the portion of the Crop stipulated to be given to other negroes.
Laborers on the same Plantation under Contract of same
date as this. Witness the signatures of the parties to this
agreement this 30" day of June 1865. Eliza Allen.
Henry x Davis. Harriet x Davis. Henrietta x Davis Caroline
Allen. Billy x Allen. Burrell x Allen Ben x Davis their marks
In the presance of the following Witnesses M. A. Sayre
J. V. Allen

Dillon, D. State of Alabama } This Agreement between Dewitt
Montgomery County } Dillon of the first part and William
of the second part. Witnesseth that the party of the second
part agrees to labor at his trade (Well boaring), when and
where ever the party of the first part may direct in consider=
ation the party of the first part pay the party of the second
part Twenty five Dollars per month. The Party of the first
part agrees to furnish Fuel Food and House room
Witnesses L. H. Lee. Dewitt Dillon
Wm. P Anderson William his x mark

25 Sept 4" 1865 Date of Contract

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Webb. C. State of Alabama } Memorandum of an agreement
Macon County } entered into this 15th day of June 1865. be-
tween the following named Freedmen to wit. Peter and wife
Rose with two Children under ten years of age. Henry and Sop-
Ann with three Children under twelve years of age. Jim and wife
Parthena with two Children under ten years of age. Dencridge and
Mother fifty years old and four Children under twelve years of age
Amanda and Child under six years of age. Joana and child
Patrann, Wife, and child, Mary Ann, Dick, and his Mother sixty
years of age and his brother under twelve years of age. Agness and
infant child Little Mary sixteen years old. Martha sixteen
years old. Rachel and four children under twelve years of age
Jane and four Children under twelve years of age. Nathan and
his wife Lizzie both over fifty years old. Robin between eighty and
and ninety years of age his wife over fifty years old. Whitfield
and his wife Lucy both over sixty years. Jonothan a young man
Bit fifteen years old. Judy and infant child. Mat over sixty
Hanna his wife over fifty years old. Parties of the first part-
And Conrad Webb of the second part-Witnesseth, 1st that
the said parties of the first part agrees to work for the said Conrad
Webb party of the second part as aforesaid ten hours per day in
summer and nine hours per day in Winter (except the after-
noon of Saturday unless it should be necessary to save the Crops.
and then he can require their Labor on that half day also they are
not to labor on Sunday) until the first day of January 1866.
2d that the said Parties of the first part do further agree, that the
said Conrad Webb Party of the second part shall have sole control
of their Labor from the date of this Contract until the said first
day of January A.D. 1866. 3d that the said Conrad Webb party
of the second part agrees to furnish Food Clothing House
room and Fuel and Medical attendance and pay to them
one fifth of all the Corn and Potatoes grown on his Plan-
tation the said Corn and Potatoes to be delivered to them
the said Parties of the first part on the said 1st day of Jan 1866

Witness of B.A. Blakely — Conrad Webb
G.B. Gaultney — For Freedmen Robin his x Johnson

Montgomery Mon. The State of Alabama } This Indenture made and entered
Autauga County } into on this the 12th day of June 1865.

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and Citizen Wm. Montgomery of the County and State
aforesaid of the first part, and Morris in behalf of himself and
one child, a minor under the age of fourteen years viz Lavina
Polley in behalf of herself and four children minors under
fourteen years of age. viz Della, Liz, John, and Jessie. Eliza in
behalf of herself and four children minors under fourteen
years of age viz. Frank, Mary, Willis & Phil. Lavinia in behalf of
herself and one child minor under fourteen years of age. viz
Emma, Jordel, James, Albert, Mispouri, Jos. Caroline, Edward,
Lucy, Violet, Henry, Jake, Queen. Freed persons of Color for-
mer slaves of said Montgomery of the first part, Witnesseth that
the said parties of the first and second part, have stipulated
and agreed as follows to wit. The said Party of the second part
promises and agrees to serve the said parties of the first part
faithfully as Laborers on his Plantation in the County of
Autauga for and during the remainder of the present
year, and to obey all his Lawful orders in relation to their
duties as such Laborers, and the said parties of the first
part in consideration of promises and agreements as
above set forth, promises and agrees to furnish said
parties of the second part with Food, Clothing, and Medical
Attendance when sick and Houses to live in for and
during the present year (1865) and in addition thereto
further agrees to deliver to the said parties of the second part
on this plantation, One Tenth of all the Crops produced and
gathered on said Plantation during the Present year (1865)
as soon as all of the said Crops shall be gathered. to furnish
them with the Quantity of Land required by the Regulations of the
Superintendant for private Cultivation together with tools and
teams to cultivate it with, and to treat them humanely in all
respects. In witness whereof the said parties of the first and
second part, have hereunto set their hands and affixed
their seals on this day and year above written Signed
Sealed and Delivered in the presance of the following named
witness. (John Montgomery) William Montgomery,
Morris x, Polly x Eliza x Lavinia x Jordon x James x Albert x
Mispouri x Josephine x Caroline x Edward x Lucy x Violet x
Henry x Jake x Queen x their names and marks

Montgomery Ala. The State of Alabama } This indenture made and entered into on
Autauga County } this the 13th day of June 1865 by and between
William Montgomery of the County and State aforesaid of the first
part and Harry, Patsy, Dick, in behalf of himself and two children
minors under fourteen years of age Viz. Lyons Huldy, Sivilla,
General, Harriet in behalf of herself and two children Viz Bill
and Lewis, who are minors under the age of fourteen years, Robt
in behalf of himself and two Children Viz Cathrine and Eva minors
under the age of fourteen years. Esther, Henretta in behalf of her-
self and two Children minors under the age of fourteen years Viz An-
and Rinder. Bill in behalf of himself and five children Viz. Rose,
Emma, Silva, Dave and Moon. Amanda, Riley, Daniel, Anderson
in behalf of himself and his five Children Viz. Primus, Charlie,
Lyon, Eliza, and Columbus, Minors under the age of fourteen years
Josephine, Angelina in behalf of herself and and three Children
Viz. Wesley, Anderson & Leah, Minors under the age of fourteen ye
Lucia, Jane in behalf of herself and her two children Viz Fanny and
Rubin, minors under the age of fourteen years. Wash, in behalf of him-
self and Three Children Viz Peter, Lucy and Gilly minors under
the age of fourteen years. Allen, Dennis, Adaline, in behalf of herself
and Child, Smith an Infant. Vines, John, Tate, Lisbon, Beverly,
Bony, in behalf of himself and his five Children Viz. Ellen, Sella,
Charles, Melbran and an Infant Minors under fourteen years of a
Hester, Lewis, Pomp, in behalf of himself and his three Children
Minors under the age of fourteen years Viz. Quincy, Pompey, and
Mria, Margaret, Saw, Duncan, Andy, in behalf of himself and his chil
Rosa, Minor under the age of fourteen years. Ann, Lucinda, Tom,
Nancy in behalf of herself and two Children Viz, Bragg, & John
Minors under fourteen years. Tempa, Lottie, Nancy in behalf of
herself and her Three children Viz. Matt, Yancey, and Mary, minors
under the age of fourteen years. Vina, Kennie, Kum, Valentine
Dorcas, Valentine, Lucy, Percival & Pattie. Freed Persons of
Color formerly Slaves of said Montgomery of the second part-
Witnesseth that the said Parties of the first and second part have
Stipulated and agreed as follows "to wit" The said parties of the
second part promises and agrees to serve the said party of the
first part faithfully as Laborers on his Plantation in the
County of Autauga for and during the remainder
of the present year and to obey all of his lawful orders in

relation to their duties as such Laborers and the said party
of the first part in consideration of promises and agreements
as above set for the promises and agrees to furnish said parties
of the second part with Food, Clothing, Fuel, Medical attendance
when sick, and houses to live in during the present year (1865)
and in addition thereto further agrees to deliver to the said
Parties of the second part on his said Plantation One Tenth
1/10 of all the crops produced and gathered on said Plantation
during the present year (1865) as soon as all of the said crops
shall be gathered, To furnish them with the Quantity of
Land required by the Regulations of the Superintendant
for private Cultivation, Together with Tools and Teams to
cultivate it with, and to treat them humanely in all
respects. In witness where of the said Parties of the first and
second parts, have hereunto set their hands, and affixed their
Seals the day and year above written.

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William Montgomery,
Harry x Patty x Dick x Sevilla x General x Harriet x Robert x
Daniel x Easter x Henerette x Ange x William x Manely x
Judy x Aley x Anderson x Jane x Wash x King x Allen x Dais x
Adaline x Vernal x John x Tate x Kirby x Bany x Hester x Louis x
Cathrine x Pomp x Mary x Margarette x Sam x Dorcas x Andy x
Martha x Lucinely x Thomas x Nancy x Ann x Tempy x
Lotty x Joe x Nancy x Viney x Kennie Servants names and marks
Signed, Sealed, and delivered in the Presence of
Pope. Gordon

Ogbourne, W.H. State of ~~Montgomery~~ Alabama } This Agreement or Contract enter
Montgomery County } Entered into this the fifteenth day of
June 1865 between W.H. Ogbourne of the first part and Mack
Posh, Nelson, Lizzie, Easter, Hannah, Lewis, Freling, Isaac, Emp
Willis, Pearce, Johnson, Adaline, Lee Sarah, Fanny and
Charity, Freedmen and Women of the second part- Witnesseth
That the said Ogbourne of the first part agrees to give the Parties
of the second part Agrees to give one fourth of all the Corn (Grain)
and one fourth of all the sweet Potatoes and one fourth
of all the Wheat raised on his Plantation in Montgomery
County during the present year of (1865) Also he agrees
and obligates himself to furnish Comfortable Quarters

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Clothing, Rations, and Pay all necessary Doctors Bills for the parties of the second part till the first day of January 1866
For and in consideration of the above the parties of the second part "to wit" Mack. Josh. Nelson Lizzy. Easter. Hannah. Lewis Fueling. Isaac. Henry. Willis. Pearce. Johnson. Adaline Lee. Sarah. Fanny. and Charity, obligate themselves, to work for the said party of the first part till the first day of January 1866. To work and gather the Crops. Repair the fences. Attend to the stock on the Plantation and to be obedient to the rules and regulations of said Party of the first Part. To do good faithful labor each and every day, except from twelve O'clock, M. every Saturday till Monday morning during which time they are only to feed, water and attend to the Stock on the Plantation. And the said Party of the first part is to have full authority or his Foreman or Supervisor to order a change of work at any time, and at any work the said party of the first part may order to be done. The said parties of the second part obligate themselves to do in a fair and proper manner. And it is expresly agreed to by the parties of the second part that for all lost time by any of said party, each one of us to have fifty cents deducted for every day lost, (except in cases of Sickness when it will be deducted Pro rata) or failing to work which is to go to the party of the first part, in the final Settlement at the end of the year. And it is further agreed by the parties that should any of the parties of the second part become lazy or idle or should fail to do a reasonable amount of labor there on proof being made to that effect, the party of the first part is fully authorized to discharge said party of the second part and he or she so discharged is to forfeit all share or interest in the crop and his or her part is to be devided among those who remain and work faithfully. And the Party of the second part agree to remain on the plantation of the first part, or at his residence in Montgomery or any where else in said County of Montgomery, and do any and all work that may be required and not to be absent from said Plantation or place of work without special permission from the party of the first part. And the said party of the first part agrees not to require more than is usual or customary to be done by laborers from the Party of the second part. And in consideration of all the above the said party of the

first part agrees to keep all the Children of the Parties of the second part that are now on his Plantation and to provide for them as he does for the parties of the second part till the first day of January 1866.
In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year above written Wm H. Osborne
Mack x, Josh x Nelson x Lizzy x Easter x Hannah x Lewis x Fueling x Isaac x Henry x Willis x Pearce x Lee x Johnson x Adaline x Sarah x Fanny x Charity x their marks.
Signed in the presance of Wm McLaughorne

Echols. J. W. State of Alabama } This Contract entered into on this the 27th day of June 1865 between
Tallapoosa County } Wm H. Osborne agent of and over seer from Thomas W. Conway, Superintendant of the Freedmens Bureau by J. W. Echols, of the one part and Fanny a woman about thirty five years of age Andrew a boy about thirteen years of age of the second part. Freedmen by force of said Labor Order
Witnesseth, that J. W. Echols of the first part agrees to furnish those of the second part with Provisions, Clothing, Medicines and Medical attendance and secure to them use free of cost in consideration of this agreement of him of the first part We of the second part agree to make true and faithful hands, on the Plantation of the first in Tallapoosa County, in said State and be subject to and discharge all duties as heretofore while on said Plantation. This Contract made and entered into this 27th day of June 1865 to enel on the 1st day of January 1866. Signed in presance of
J. H. Lupan
R. H. Banks
J. W. Echols.
Fanny her + mark.
Andrew his + mark.

Slaughter. J. R. State of Alabama } This agreement or Contract made and
Tallapoosa County } entered into this day, in accordance with and in obedience to certain orders and Labor Regulations recently issued from the Freedmens Bureau, at Montgomery Alabama between John. R. Slaughter. of the said County and State of the first part, and Elisha, and Mariah Adams and Daniel, Davis and Polley and her three Children, Elbert and Celia and her two Children Wesley and Vina and her two Children, Peter and Margaret and her two Children Jefferson

Mary and her six Children. Adaline and her five Children Harriett and her ~~Father~~ four children of the second part for and during the present year (1865) The said Slaughter hereby binds himself to furnish necessary food and Clothing house room Fuel and medical attendance during the said year in consideration of which the said parties of the second part hereby bind themselves firmly and severally by this Contract to serve and obey the said Slaughter his agent or representative faithfully and promptly for and during the said time and the said parties of the second part bind themselves to maintain good order and be subject to all such directions and controll as heretofore during the term for which said Contract is made. In testimony where of We the said parties have hereunto set our hands and signed our names this 14th day of July 1865.

J. R. Slaughter

Peter x Elisha x Margaret x Mariah x Jeff x Adam x Mary x
David x Adaline x Lewis x Harriet x Polly x Elbert x Wesley x
Celia x Vina x Laborers Names and Marks in presence of
Willis, R. Ham. } Witnesses
W. K. M Slaughter }

Williams P.B. The State of Alabama } Contract made and concluded this
Montgomery County } 12th day of June A.D. 1865, by and between
P.B. Williams of said County and State aforesaid of the first
part and the following named negroes. Peter and his wife Sarah
Charles and Wife Annis and family of the second part the
said negroes covenant and agree with the said P.B. Williams
that they will do all the necessary work on said farm and such
other things as said Williams may direct them to do until
the first day of January A.D. 1866. And the said P.B. Williams
Covenants and agrees with the said Peter and his wife
Sarah that he will furnish them with food, Clothing House
room & Medical attendance and pay them at the rate of
five Dollars per month for the time they work for Both.
And the said party of the first part covenants and agrees
with Charles and his wife Anis and family that he will
furnish Food Clothing House room and Medical
attendance and pay Charles and Annis at the rate of
five Dollars per Months each. And it is further agreed

between the parties that in case any of the parties of the second part should loose any time either by sickness or any other cause the time thus lost shall be deducted and that said parties of the second part shall at no time leave the plantation without the permission of the said Williams. In Witness where of P.B. Williams for himself and and Charles who witnessed the above contract for the others have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year above written

P. B. Williams

Charles x Annis x Peter x Sarah x their Marks

Witness Geo W Whitman. Approved June 12th 1865

Williams P.B. The State of Alabama } The following is a Contract between
Montgomery County } P.B. Williams of the first part and
Levi of the second part. I P.B. Williams of the first part
obligate myself to pay Levi of the second part five Dollars
a Month and his board for his services from now until the
first of January 1866. I also agree to give Levi a good pair
of Shoes and furnish Fuel and House room and to pay
his Medical Bills in case of Sickness. I Levi of the second part
obligate myself to do all work necessary on the plantation and
to be a good obediant boy, and to obey all orders given by P.B.
Williams of the first part and not to leave the premises of
the first part without first obtaining permission. I of the
second part am to make up all time lost from sickness or
other wise at the end of the year, if any. also if any insolence
or insulting language is given by the party of the second part
I Levi of the second part obligate myself to forfeit my wages
and leave the premises if ordered to do so by the first part im-
mediately. Sept 5th 1865.

P. B. Williams

Witnesses. H. W. Caffey. A. E. Caffey

Moore L.R. State of Alabama } May 30th 1865.
Lowndes County } Articles of Agreement between L.R. Moore
and parties called Freedmen. The said L.R. Moore binds
himself to give the said Freedmen for their services for the
remainder of the present year 1865, Food Clothing Fuel
Medical attention Comfortable Quarters and five hundred
bushells of Corn, one hundred bushels to be paid on the 5th

day of June next and the remainder (four hundred bushels)
to be paid when the present crop is gathered. Said Corn to be
divided among said Freedmen according to the classification
of hands by one or more disinterested persons of their choosing
and the said L. R. Moore further binds himself to furnish
Food, Clothing, Comfortable Quarters fuel and Medical
Attention to the Children of said Freedmen, For the
above consideration the said Freedmen bind themselves to labor
to labor diligently ten (10) hours per day in Summer
and nine (9) hours per day in Winter except the afternoon of each Saturday and the whole of Sunday in cases
of emergency they further bind themselves to labor the
whole of Saturday In witness whereof we affix our Signatures

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L. R. Moore

Shade and family X Bill & Family X Solomon & Family X
Irwin X & Jordan X Jane & Julia X Mark & Family X
Family Jim & Family X John & Family X Ras & Family
Simon & Family X Georgia Sam & Family. Virginia Sa[illegible]
Julia their Names & Marks. Signed in the presence
of W. K. Royaler & John Mullins.

McEachin P. H. Memorandum of Contract for services by and between P. H. McEachin of the one part as Proprietor and the Freedmen here under named of the other part as Laborers. Entered into this 9th day of Jan 1865, 1st P. H. McEachin agrees to hire for the remainder of the year and to Feed, and Clothe, and furnish Medical Attention to the said laborers and their families and to pay them for their one third 1/3 of the Corn and Fodder raised on the Place after deducting what it requires to support the Plantation from now until the 1st of January 1866, 2d The Freedmen upon their part respectively agree to work diligently and faithfully and to conduct themselves properly for the time for which they are hired. that all loss of time occasioned by their fault shall be charged to them pro rata. that in case of continued sickness or the wilful disobedience of proper orders, or the destruction of Stock on the Plantation by any of the Freedmen. The offender shall forfeit his share of the Crop and all right to remain on the place In testimony of our approval hereof the said P. H. McEachin has hereunto set his hand and the Freedmen hereunder mentioned

have here unto signified their assent in the presance of Gilbert Long, who has subscribed his name hereunto as Witness.

P. H. McEachin

Jim x Sandy x Jerry x Delleh x Bitha x Patsey x Rose x Mary x Lavinia x Sue x the names and marks of the Freedmen

Witness G. Long.

Slaton, Maney. State of Alabama } This Indenture Witnesseth that the Freed-
Sumter County } men whose names are annexed heretofore belonging to Maney Slaton of the State and County aforesaid, being unwilling to break up and remove at this late period of the year a Majority of whom being old and children unable to maintain themselves without aid, do voluntarily and of their own free will and accord bind themselves and their children from the date annexed, as Servants to serve from said date to the end of the present year, during all of which time to faithfully and honestly and industriously serve, all lawful commands, obey; protect and preserve the goods and property of all kinds of said Maney Slaton, from injury or waste, and shall not be absent without leave, and in all things and at all times behave as faithful Servants ought to do, for the following Considerations, to wit: that the said Maney Slaton shall and will furnish the said servants with Food Clothing Houses, Fuel, Medical Attention and shall give to them the one Tenth (1/10) part of the following Field crops, Corn, Fodder, Potatoes, Sorghum Cane, & Cotton, made on said place the present year, To be distributed among those who shall be entitled (upon merit) under the Classification as laid down in the order from the Freedmens Bureau regulating the labor of Freedmen, And it is further agreed that when one or more shall absent themselves without leave and shall fail or refuse to labor as agreed upon on the Plantation of the said Maney Slaton, as she or her overseer may direct, the same shall forfeit all lot or claim in the said one tenth (1/10) and shall be compelled although unwilling to leave the premises, And it is agreed between the employer and the laborers, that the following shall be entitled to a full distribution share in the said one tenth of the said Field crops, Provided they fulfill the above obligations. Gus, Mark, Lewis, Nash, & Boy (Men) And the following shall be in like manner to eight-Tenths of a Share. 8/10. Rose and Ellen (Women) and the following to six tenths Moses a man Wiley a boy and Frances a

woman Columbus (a man) & Bilsey a woman and Floyd a boy, 6
And the following to Three Tenths of a Share. Naso a boy. The
following to four Tenths 4/10 of a Share. Catherine who has an Infant
and Lucinela who has an infant. And the following a portion
of which are worth something but being burdened with large families
will be furnished as above. provided all remain and will fulfill their
respective duties. Burrell and Martha his wife James. Miley. Willis
Lawson. Henry. Hann. & an Infant their Children. Harriett and
Children. Oscer and Giles. Jack worthless. a Rheumatic Confined
to his bed. Thom. and Betty (Non Comps Mentis) Emily. Annette.
Ophelia. Children under ten years of age. Jerry aged 60 years. Pete.
Blind. In witness where of the parties to these presents set their
hands this 6th day of June (1865)

Witnesses John T. Livingston. Nancy Slaton,
O. J. Harris. A. J. Smith. Gus. X his mark
For Freedmen

Jones. J. G. State of Alabama } June 8th 1865.
Montgomary County } Agreement Jason. G. Jones and the following
named Freedmen, "to wit" John a man aged about 54 years of age Shadrack
aged 82 years. Queen aged 6 years. Anter aged 4 years. Celia aged 2 years
5 in Family I agree to Pay them 6 Dollars per month for six
Months.
John his X mark

Henry a man aged 38 years. Lily aged 36 years. Mariah aged 19 years.
Peter aged 17 years. Ned aged 14 years. Hannah aged 8 years. Nora
aged 6 years. Sally, a child. Mariahs Children Dela 4 years old
Amelia 2 years. 10 in Family. I agree to Pay them 18 Dollars
per Month for six months.
Henry his X Mark.

Leeper aged 40 years. Rose 35 years. Lucy 15 years. Lucinda 12 years
Abraham 8 years. Hezekh 6 years. Randall 4 years. Lenora 2 years. Fill
six months old man Fill 85 years. I agree to give them 14 Dollars
per Month for six months. 10 in the Family
Leeper his X Mark.

Lewey, aged 45 years. Anna aged 45 years. Elenor, aged 9 years. Comfort
aged 7 years. 4 in the family. I agree to give them 10 Dollars per Month.
Lewey his X mark.

Catherine aged 40 years. Fanny aged 18 years. Dave aged 15 years. Harriet
aged 12 years. Berry aged 9 years. Green aged 7 years. Henrietta aged 4 years.
7 Persons in the family I agree to pay 10 Dollars per Month for six
months.
Catherine her X mark.

Ambros. aged 30 years. Julia Ann aged 25 years. Elizabeth aged 7 yrs

Jeff aged 2 years. Sam 6 months 5 Persons in the Family I agree to give
them 7 Dollars per month for six months.
Ambros. his X mark.

Sheppard aged 28 years. Mary ann aged 32 years. Jim aged 7 years.
Judge aged 5 years Gracey 10 months old. 5 Persons in Family I agree
to pay them 5 Dollars per month for 6 months.
Sheppard his X mark.

Old Mariah 55 years. Cres. 8 years 2 Persons in family Find Clothing
Fuel & Quarters for six months.
Mariah her X mark.

Jacob 60 years of age. Betsy 40 years. Mary 20 years. Patsy 18 years. Frances
16 years. Rachel 14 years. Amanda 9 years. Netta five years. Mary 2
Viola 4 years. Lusan 2 years. 10 Persons in family I agree to pay them
10 Dollars per month.
Jacob his X mark.

Zack. aged 60 years. Harriet aged 36 years. 2 persons in Family I
agree to pay 6 Dollars per month for six months.
Zack. his X mark.

Kizzy. aged 50 years. Sam aged 24 years. Ted aged 18 years. Sarah aged 16.
Ephraim aged 12. Betty aged 10. Porter aged 8. Matilda aged 6. Frank
aged 2 years. Nine in Family Find Clothing House room and Fuel
for six months.
Kizzy her X mark.

Willis aged 25 years. Martha aged 25 years. Gustus aged 8 years. Violett
aged 6 years. Joshua aged 3 years. & Robert 8 months old. 6 Persons in
the Family I agree to pay 7 Dollars per month for six months.
Willis his X mark.

Ples. aged 23 years. I agree to pay six Dollars per month
for six months.
Ples his X mark.

Charles 40 years of age. Ellen aged 32. Thomas aged 10. Lewa aged 6. Eliza
aged 4. & Nancy 8 months old. 6 Persons in Family I agree to pay 12.
Dollars per month for 2 months.
Charles his X mark.

Mack. aged 25 years. Beck aged 22 years. Rosanna 1 year old 3 Persons
in Family. I agree to pay 12 Dollars per month for 6 months.
Mack his X mark.

Reuben aged 47 years. Eley 44 years. Crippled 2 in Family I agree
to pay 10 Dollars per month for six months.
Reuben his X mark.

Willis aged 82 years. Siddy aged 85 years. 2 in family Find Clothes
House room and Fuel & Medical attendance.
The above agreement is between Jason. G. Jones. and the above
named Freedmen
Jason. G. Jones.
Witnesses. W. F Cochrane.
S H Cochran

Gilmer, Mrs. June 8th 1865. An Agreement between Mrs. E. T. Gilmer and the
following named Freedmen. By Jason. G. Jones her agent —

Viz Drew a man aged 55 years. Eliza aged 50 years. Mike aged 21 Reuben aged 19" years Randall aged 17" years Shep aged 16" years Jackson aged 14" years Clementina aged 8 years 8 Persons in the Family Drew his x mark
Old Mariah aged 75 years. Kit aged 23 years. Milly aged 21" years 3 Persons in the Family. Mariah her x mark.
Henry aged 26" years Mariah aged 24" years Nancy aged 4 years Lenny aged 1 year. 4 Persons in the Family Henry his x mark.
Betsey aged 70 years Silvia aged 6 years. 2 in the Family Betsy her x mark
Mary aged 40 years aged 20 Ephraim aged 17" years Dick aged 14 Madison aged 12, Dalis aged 10. Aggy aged 6" Jim aged 4 Jump aged 2 years. 9 Persons in the Family Mary her x mark
Antony aged 54 years. Sophia aged 46 years Jimmy aged 15 years Peggy aged 14" years Handy aged 9 years. Polly aged 5 years. 8 Persons in the Family Antony his x mark
Sarah Ann aged 30 years. Joshua aged 5 years. Mariah 2 Months 3 Persons in the Family Sarah Ann her x Mark
Harry aged 45 years Mary 40 years. Nathan aged 16 years. Silas aged 14" years. Barnes aged 11 years. Pemyles aged 6 years. 6 Persons in the Family Harry his x mark
Thomas aged 30 years. Peggy aged 20 years Mike a sin four months 3 Persons in Family Thomas his x mark
Bucks aged 29" years. Adaline aged 24" years. Laura 2 years. Louis Lin 4 years and an infant 5 Persons in the Family. Bucks his x mark.
Phill aged 25 years Sallie aged 23 years. Spencer aged 5 years Aron aged 3 years. Jack 9 months 5 Persons in the Family Phill his x mark=
Sy aged 40 years Margaret aged 80 years Burton aged 15 years. Army aged 12 years. Leeanna aged 9 years. Betsey aged 7 years. 6 Persons in the Family Sy his x mark.
Old Burton 26" years Fenecr aged 23 years. Kitty aged 3 years and Anthony aged 8 Months 4 Persons in the Family. Burton his x mark
William aged 46" years. Patsy aged 24" years. Mary Ann aged 8 years. Amelia aged 3 years. Emily aged 1 year 5 Persons in the Family William his x Mark
Elizabeth aged 27" years. Elizabeth Jr. 8 years. Jemmi 3 years and Charlie six months 4 Persons in the Family Elizabeth her Mark.
Ned aged 50 years Eliza 49" years Winnie 14" years. Richmond 12 years. Henderson 9 years. Jeff 6 years Ivory 8 years. Lucius 5 years Moses 5 years of age. 9 Persons in the Family Ned his x mark.
Harry aged 27 years. Phillipe aged 25 years. Dock aged 2 years 8 Persons in the Family Harry x his Mark.

Alfred aged 30 years. Jenge aged 28 years. 2 Persons in the Family. Alfred his x mark
Matilda aged 78" years. Daniel 25 years. Hannah 11" years
Matilda jr. 17" years 4 Persons in the Family. Beverly aged 42 years Sophia 42 years of age. Milly aged 19" Jemmy aged 18 years Lucy aged 23. Harrison aged 13" Amelia aged 9" years. Sam aged 8 years. Garnett aged 6 years. Eliza aged 2 years. 10 Persons in the Family
Beverly his x mark

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Peter aged 25 years. Caroline aged 22 years. Cora aged 20 years. Tina aged 1 year. Vic. aged 12 years. Alice aged 10 years. 6 Persons in the Family. Peter his x mark.
John, Sr. aged 54 years. Mira 48 years. Jerry 22 years. Alexander 19 years Nancy 15 years. Tina 14 years. Drew 11 years. Patience 8 years Jacob 4 years of age. 9 Persons in the Family John her x Mark.
Rosa aged 25 years. Elizabeth 5 years of age. Susan 6 years Charley 3 years. Mac. 3 months Peggy 85 years of age. 6 Persons in the family Rosa his x mark.
Alfred aged 42 years Nancy 52 years Bob 19" years. Sampson 12 years & Nelson 11 years 5 Persons in the family. Alfred his x
Susan 27" years of age. Josiah 6 years of age. Sallie 4 months & 4 in the Family Susan her x mark
The above agreement is this that the above Freedmen are to have one Fifth pt of the peasant crop "to wit" one fifth of the Corn and one fifth of the Fodder one fifth of the Peas. one fifth of the Syrup, and one fifth of the Potatoes. also Medical attention Food Clothing Fuel &c Mrs E. F. Gilmer
Witnesses A. F. Cole By Jason G. Jones
Dr. George A. Abercrombie Agt.

Slaughter. State of Alabama } Whereas it is required by Provisional
Talladega County } Regulations of Thomas H. Conway
Superintendent of Freedmens Bureaus for Alabama
and in compliance with the same the following agree
ment is made and entered into on this the 17" day of July
1865. by and between Jno G Slaughter of said County
and State of the first part and the following named persons
Freedmen of the second part Viz Elbert and Rachel and minor
family, Samson, Washington, Adaline Caroline Isaac
Amanda and family, Diana and family Rebecca, Thomas
Bertha, Moses, Dines, and Eliz = Witnesseth that he

that he of the first part agrees to furnish those of the second part with all proper and necessary food, clothing, house room fuel and medical attendance for the pressant year of 1865 and in consideration of which they of the second part promise to labor faithfully and diligently for him of the first part to obey his orders promptly, and to do and perform all labor and duties assigned them by him and to be subject to his orders, and controll as heretofore and to be respectful in their demeanor to him of the first part his family or agent. It is understood by and between the parties that this agreement is intended to extend back to the 1st day of June 1865 upto the 1st day of January 1866 unless sooner cancelled by the parties. Given under my hand day and date above written

Jno. J. Slaughter

Elbert x Rachel x Sampson x Washington x Adaline x Jasmine x Isaac x Amanda x Dian x Rebecca x Thomas x Martha x Moses x Dennis x Ellis x their names x marks.

Witnesses, J. M. Heard. Jno. J. Slaughter.

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Stone, G. W. Memorandum of an agreement between G. W. Stone and the following Negro Laborers subscribers hereto for 1865. The negroes under the direction of said Stone, or his authority to labor for the balance of the year on whatever may be connected with the Plantation or the preservation or sale of the produce on hand or to be produced. The negroes and all white persons receiving their support from the Plantation to continue as heretofore. Medical attention, Clothing, houses and fuel to be furnished the negroes. Fires, cooking and washing to be done for said Stone and his children, all expenses of plantation and negroes including Taxes on plantation and stock to be paid from proceeds of this years crop. Spinning and weaving to be done as may be directed by said Stone. A sufficiency of wheat to be set apart for seeding next fall and for the use of the families now fed from the Plantation. Enough of corn, Fodder, Potatoes, &c to be set apart for the use of the plantation and those fed from it for the next year. The surplus to be equally divided between the said Stone on the one hand, and the Laborers on the other. The Laborers to divide among themselves in proportion to labor performed. The Laborers to forfeit ratably for time lost, unless excused therefrom by said Stone. Wiley and Edens such forfeitures to go into the surplus for Division of Laborers

fail or refuse to labor faithfully, when able, fail to obey orders, or to answer to proper call to labor without sufficient excuse to be judged of as above, they are liable to be turned off and forfeit all part in this contract.

Signed in the presance of R. M. Queen June 13th 1865.

Geo. W. Stone

Wiley x Mark x Ephrania x Dave x Thomas x Phebe x Martha x Isabella x Edens x John x Henry x Emma x Rose x Jane x Victoria x Sarah x Bridy x Wesley x Scipio their marks x

Witness, R. M. Queen

2894

Clower, G. A. State of Alabama, July 5th 1865.

Macon County } The following are articles of agreement between George A. Clower Employers and laborers, viz, Caroline a woman 34 or 35 years of age and her three children viz Jim a boy 10 years old, Julia a girl 12 years old, and Fannie under two years of age, also Alex a man 23 years of age and Sam 21 years of age Sallie deceased also Sheasy a girl 17 years old that is in prison and her brother Stephen somewhat idiotic to also Sarah 65 years old infirm, I George A. Clower have this day agreed to board and clothe said laborers and pay their Doctors bills the present year, for their services. I will also give them one half of every Saturday when I can possibly spare the time i.e. provided it does not interfere with the sowing or harvesting some portion of the crop. I further more agree to give them all necessary attention when sick and see that they are comfortably provided for.

George A. Clower.

We the laborers on our part agree to faithfully work and gather the crop and do all other plantation work that we have here to fore done, also all business that it is necessary should be done or performed on Sunday, such as feeding the stock, making fires, cooking, milking, &c for our board and clothing and to be taken care of when we are not able to work. In witness whereof we hereunto set our hand and mark, Caroline x for herself and family. Alex x Sam x Sheasy x for herself and Stephen Sarah x their names and marks. in the presance of the following named witnesses

R. L. Reese.

John L. Reese

Williams, D. State of Alabama } This agreement made and entered
Chambers County } into between Daniel Williams Senr
of the County and State aforesaid and the undersigned servants
formerly owned or was the property of the said D Williams Sr.
and now ordered to be released or freed by the Military Authorities
or Proclamation of the President of the United States -
1st The said Daniel Williams Sr. agrees to Feed Clothe and Shelter
and furnish necessary medical attention and also agree to pay
the undersigned and subscribed hands for their labor on his
farm. One Tenth of his growing crop of Corn Fodder & Peas that
they may gather and house and also promises to furnish
the Children of the different families house room and Food
But the Parents or Gardians of said Children must pay for
their part of crops received their (the Childrens) medical attention
For which the undersigned subscribed hands do agree to
faithfully serve or labor at any work the said D Williams
may wish the remainder of the year, and to subject to and
observe the same rules and regulations that has heretofore
existed on the said Farm for the benefit of the same.
Impudence Stealing abuse of Stock refusing to work or do their
share of the labor according to their ability will be sufficient cause
for any one of them to be dismissed, and it will be immediately
done by said Williams. The one so dismissed will be required
to leave the Plantation and forfeit his or her share of the crops
to those who remain and act faithfully in compliance with this
Contract, said share of crops to be divided according to the different
abilities of the undersigned hands. The distribution to be selected
by a majority of the ones interested. Signed and sealed this 31st
day of July 1865. Daniel Williams Sr.
Charles x Ned x Jack x Roman x Dick x Cain x Rebecca x Rose x
Georgiana x their marks.
M Williams }
Y. H. Winston }

2403

Barrow, V.A. State of Alabama } This agreement made and entered into
Chambers County } between V. A. Barrow of the County and
State aforesaid and the undersigned Servants formerly owned
or was the property of the said V. A. Barrow and now ordered to
be released or freed by the Military Authorities or Proclamation
of the President of the United States. 1st The said Barrow agrees

to Feed, Clothe, Shelter and furnish the necessary medical
attention, and also agrees to pay the undersigned subscribed
hands for their labor on her farm, one Tenth of her growing
crop of Corn, Fodder, Peas and Potatoes, that they may gather
and house the same, and to furnish house room to them, for
which the undersigned subscribed hands, do agree, to faithfully serve
or labor at any work the said Barrow may wish the remainder
of the present year, and to be subject and observe the same regulations
that have heretofore existed on the said farm for the benefit of the
same. Impudence, stealing, abuse of Stock, or refusing to work or
to do their share of labor according to their ability will be sufficient
cause for any of them to be dismissed, and one so dismissed will
forfeit his or her share of the Crop, but those who remain and faith-
fully comply with this Contract shall receive the part promised and
the same will be divided according to their several abilities to be
distributed by one selected by a majority of those interested, Signed
and witnessed this 24th day of July 1865. V. A. Barrows.
Manuel x Robert x Washington x Alexander x Willis x Mary x
Louise x their marks.
Wm. M. Boyd
Witnesses } James B Barrow.

2910

Williams, M. State of Alabama } The following is an agreement between
Chambers County } Mary Williams of the County and State
aforesaid of the one part and the undersigned Colored Persons
her former slaves of the other part. The said Mary Williams
agree to furnish the said Colored persons Houses to live in
and the necessary food and Clothing and Medical attention
in case they get sick, and also to give them the one tenth
part of the Corn, Fodder & Potatoes, raised on my farm this
year, that they gather and house, provided that they remain
on my farm and labor for the ballance of the year, and obey
such rules or orders, as are necessary for the Government of the
place. The undersigned Colored persons also agree to remain
with the said Mary Williams the ballance of the present year
and labor on her farm as we have heretofore done for the com-
pensation mentioned above. August 1st 1865. Mary Williams -
Dick his x Harriet x Ellen x Dolly x Henry x their marks.
V. A. E Barrow.
Witnesses } Daniel Williams.

2915

Potts, Wm, L. The State of Alabama, This Contract entered into this
Chambers County } the 4th day of August 1865 between William
L, Potts, and his former slaves, Sam and his wife Lucy, and
their minor Children Seven. Ned and Wife Keziah and one
Child. Wade and wife Minerva and four minor Children =
Bill & Wife Hesterann and one child. Virill 7 5 years old =
and wife Meriah 63 years old, Sterling a man 45 years old, Scott
a boy 12 years old, Fanny a Girl 10 years old of the second part
on their part do agree with the party of the first part for their
Provisions, House room, Fuel, Clothing and Medical attention
to stay upon the farm and perform all the duties as faithful
as they have heretofore done, and be controlled in every respect
by party of the first part and to take care of the stock and crop
and gather the same when the proper time comes and perform
all the duties required by them, report all persons seen about
the premises of a suspicious character or out of employment
to the owner or controller and for any negligence on our part
to perform any of the within the specified ~~time~~ duties to or for
the benefit of our employer, he is at liberty to dismiss us and
drive us off premises. I Wm L. Potts of the first part agree to
carry out my part of the above contract faithfully. This con-
tract to become null and void on the 25 of December or sooner
at the option of the party of the first part.

Wm L Potts.

Sam Potts x Lucy x Sterlin Potts x Wade x Minerva x Potts x
Ned x Keziah Potts x Bill x Henderson x Pott x Scott Potts x
Mary Potts x Edela x Virgil x Martha Potts x their marks
Test, Wm. L Darden
Daniel Williams

2928

Combs, L.L. The State of Alabama } This agreement made and entered
Chambers County } into between Thomas L. Combs of the first
part and his Freedmen formerly his slaves of the second part
Witnesseth that the said Combs agrees to furnish the Freedmen
food, Clothing, houses and fuel free of charge and he also agrees
to pay their Doctor Bills should any of them be so sick as to
require Medical attendance, for their faithful performance
of Labors on his farms to the end of the present year 1865.
And in consideration of the covenant made by the said

party of the first the said party part. the said party of the
second part agrees to live with the said Thomas L. Combs
and to labor on his farm, at what work soever he may de-
sire and direct to be done, diligently and faithfully to the
end of the present year 1865, and in case of any of them
refusing or failing to perform his or her part of this agree
ment such an one agrees to forfeit any claim, which he
or she would otherwise have had, by this agreement upon the
said party of the first part. In witness whereof both parties
have hereunto set their hands, and affixed their seals this
the 28th day of July 1865. Thomas L. Combs.
Signed and Sealed in the presence:
J. J. D. Waggoner. }
B Blasingame } Witnesses on

2940

Driver, G, State of Alabama, } The following is an agreement entered into
Chambers, County } this Day between Goodrich Driver of
the County and State aforesaid of the one part and the
following colored persons former slaves of the said Driver
of the second part.

The said Goodrich Driver of the first part, hereby promises and
agrees to furnish the following colored persons with good
and wholesome food comfortable Clothing Quarters Fuel and
necessary medical attention And the said colored persons form
ely slaves belonging to the said Goodrich Driver, of the second
part, hereby promise and agree to work well and faithfully
for the said Goodrich Driver and to abide by all the rules
and regulations heretofore in force upon said plantation
of the said Goodrich Driver for and during the present
year. Witness our hands, this the 31st day of July 1865.

Goodrich Driver

Betty x Bulan x Mariah x Caroline x Lena x Fanny x Harriet
Milly x Brittian x Lewis x Randall x Bob x their Marks.
Witnesses W. Castley, Miles Gilbooly, r

Brooks, E. The State of Alabama: Tallapoosa County: This the 8th Day
of July 1865; An agreement Between Mrs Endy
Brooks & Former Slaves Named Green Jowitt

The said Emily Brooks on her Part to furnish the said freedmen Green With the proper medical serivises in case of sickness & house Room togither With his food & Necessary Clothing and the said Green promises in Consideration of the above to serve her faithfuly & perform every necessary servicence as here to fore on her primises, Signed Emily Brooks by her mark
P. R. Phillips, J. C. Sessions } { Green X his mark

2941

M. Harwell & Biana. State of Alabama. Montgomery County. Article of agreement entered into this 8th Day of September 1865. by and between Mr. M. Harwell of the first part and Colerd Woman "Biana" of the second part. Witnesseth that I M. Harell of the first part Covenant and agree to Pay the said Biana of the second part Eight (8) Dollars per Month in addition to food Quarters full Medical attendance and require of her faithful obediance to all duties & requirements this Contract to terminate the 1st day of January 1866. and I Biana of the second part do agree to perform faithful Service in Consideration of the above for the time herein stated
Wilness M. Harwell. Biana X her mark
W. S. "Clinton."

2942

S. A. Darby. State of Alabama. Lowndes County } Contract between S. A. Darby of the first part and the following named Freedmen of the second part. Viz. Alec, Milly, Peter, Bet, Frances, Eady, Henry. The said S. A. Darby, agrees to pay the medical bill of the above named Freedmen, for the present year, also to Furnish them with Food, Clothing house room, & Fuel, untill January next 1866. The above named Freedmen agree to remain on the Plantation of the said S. A. Darby, untill January next laboring as they have here to fore done, and conducting themselves as becomes good and faithful servants. It is further agreed between the above named Freedmen and the said S. A. Darby, that should all or any of the above named Freedmen, Persist in Idleness & laziness that they shall forfeit this Contract and its obligations, is null and void, and that the said S. A. Darby is at liberty to inform the above named Freedmen

so violating this Contract that they are at liberty to find employment elsewhere, and that the above named Freedmen have to abide the consequences and leave the Plantation
Montgomery Ala July 23rd 1865. S. A. Darby.

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Alec x Milly x Peter x Bet x Frances x Eady x Henry their marks
Signed in the presance of. E. L. Sanderson
Witnessed. W. D. Brasfield

Walker, Eliza. The State of Alabama } This Agreement entered into on this
Lowndes County } the 29th day of June A. D. 1865 by and between Eliza Walker Party of the first part and the following named negro laborers party of the second part. all of the state and County aforesaid. Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the promises hereinafter expressed. The said parties of the second part agree and bind themselves to remain upon the Plantation owned and occupied by the said Eliza Walker for and during the ballance of the present year. and that they will diligently and faithfully Labor, and perform such duties and work and labor as may be ordered by her or under her direction that they will observe and practice toward the said Eliza walker proper respect and obedience; and that they will discountinance all improper conduct, rudeness. or drunkenness on the part of each other. They promise and agree to observe faithfully, her authority and rights of Property, and that they will not from motives of malice, gain mischief or other improper motive, injure any of the property, goods or effects of the said Eliza Walker, or such property goods or effects as may be upon said Plantation, without her order or permission and that they will do and perform in a proper manner all the labor and duties properly belonging or attaching to good and faithful servants, and such as are due from servants to their proper and Lawful employers. and they expressly agree and bind themselves to engage in no trade or traffic, make no contract sell or dispose of no species of property with the order or consent of the said Eliza Walker in writing, and that they will work faithfully like other laborers in any part of the world (10) hours during the day in summer and (9) hours during the day in winter. That is to say from the first day of April to the first day of October, they will work ten hours during the days.

commencing at six (6) oclock in the morning and work until (12) twelve Oclock noon. and from half after (2½) Oclock P. M. and work until half past six (6½) Oclock P. M. and from the first day of October until the first day April they will work nine (9) hours in the day, commencing at seven (7) Oclock in the morning and work until twelve (12) Oclock noon, and at two (2) Oclock and work until (6) six Oclock P.M. making ten (10) hours, excepting Sunday and the afternoon of Saturdays, which shall be at their own disposal except some necessity shall arise, when the said parties of the second part shall be required to work to save the Crop in which case the required labor shall be rendered. Provided however that the family cooking, and necessary attention to stock shall proceed as usual. And in consideration of the promises as aforesaid the said Eliza Walker covenants and agrees to protect and defend the said parties of the second part, their rights and persons against the unjust and illegal impositions of all persons, that she will observe and practice towards them the same humane treatment and government (Discarding the Whip and all other Corporeal punishment) as she has always done. That she will allow the men on her Plantation having wives elsewhere, to visit them every Saturday afternoon, and remain until the next Monday morning and every Wednesday night and remain until the next Thursday morning. Provided however that they obtain the consent or permission in writing of their proper managers or employers, of their said wives thereto. Provided further that they always return home in time for work by six Oclock on the mornings of the said Mondays and Wednesdays. And the said Eliza Walker further agrees to allow men employed elsewhere having wives upon her said Plantation to visit their said wives every Saturday evening and remain until the next Monday morning and every Wednesday night and remain until the next Thursday morning. Provided that they obtain the written consent of their proper Employers thereto. But it is expressly stipulated that said Husbands while on the Plantation of the said Eliza Walker, shall be subject to the same rules and Discipline as the men employed upon the said Plantation. And the said Eliza Walker further agrees to Feed, Clothe and support the said parties of the second part and their Children remaining on the said Plantation, in the same manner as she has always done and

that she will Pay their Physicians Bills, and that she agrees to give to the said parties of the second part (collectively) the one fifth ⅕ part of the growing crops on said Plantation, which said one fifth ⅕ part is to be awarded to the said parties of the second part by the said Eliza Walker, according to their respective merit as the said Eliza Walker may deem just and proper. And it is expressly stipulated that if either party of the second part shall fail or refuse to comply with the terms of this agreement, or shall violate the provisions thereof, then the said Eliza Walker may and she is hereby authorized such party or parties from her employment and when a party is discharged, he, she or, they shall leave the Plantation, and not return thereto without the consent or permission of the said Eliza Walker in writing, and shall forfeit all claim, share or interest in said crops, and the said Parties of the second part, bind and pledge themselves to discountenance any violation of this agreement, but promise to give all proper information, and assistance in order to carry out this agreement. In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands, the day and year above written.

Fabby x Malinda x Nancy x Lewson x Felix Dan x Charles x
John x Minerva x Emaline x Charity x Penny x their marks.

Witnesses. J. D. F Williams
L M Reece

Eliza Walker

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Robertson, J.

The State of Alabama } This agreement made and entered into
Chambers County } between John Roberson of the first part
and the Freedmen formerly his slaves of the second part.
Witnesseth that the said Roberson agrees to give them the
Freedmen aforesaid, Food and Clothes, Houses and Fuel
free of charge, and he also agrees to pay their Doctors Bills
should any of them be so sick as to require Medical attendance
for their faithful performing of labors on his farm to the end
of the present year. 1865. and in consideration of the covenants
made by the said party of the first the said party of the second
part agrees to live with the said John Roberson and to labor
on his farm, at what work so ever he may desire and direct to
be done, diligently and faithfully to the end of the present
year. 1865. and in case of any of them refusing or failing to perform
his or her part of this agreement, such one agrees to forfeit any

claim which he or she would other wise have had by virtue
of this agreement upon the said party of the first part. In
Witness whereof both parties have hereunto set their hands and
affixed their seals this the 28th day of July 1865. John Robertson
Henrietta 40 years of age, and her eight children x.
Easter 35 years old, and her two Children x J. D. Waggoner
Witnesses, B Blasingame

Harelin, A.H.S. State of Alabama } June 5th 1865.
Montgomery County } This Indenture Witnesseth that A. H. S.
Harelin, have this day employed colored Laborers, to wit "Esau
Hilbern, including wife and Son Steward, the condition is
such that the said A. H. S Harelin, agrees on his part to pay the
said Laborers $50. Fifty Dollars, for their Services and in addi-
tion one acre of good corn land, and horse and farming
utensils to cultivate said acre with, the said A H S Harelin
is to furnish said Esau and family, one pair of Shoes each
and one suit of Clothes each, House room and Fuel also
Medical attention. Saturday afternoons granted to the
laborers exceptin cases of emergency. Said Laborers agree on
their part to render A H S Harelin, good and effecient service
for the above compensation. Term of service from day and
date above written and will terminate on the expiration of
the present year. In witness whereof we the said parties above
named have assented to the same, in the presence of these witness-
es. S. P. Barfield A H S Harelin
Hervey Williamson Esau his + mark Hilbern

Henderson Wm. N. The State of Alabama } Articles of Agreement entered into between
Pike County } Wm. N. Henderson of the one part and
Moses and his wife Agness, and their six children, from four months to ten years of age, And Jim and his
Wife Grace and their four Children from seven months to seven
years of age, of the other part witnesseth that the said moses and
Agness, Jim and Grace, do agree to labor on the farm and
else where for said Henderson until the 25th day of December
next, as the Military law requires, and for said Services
the said Henderson does agree to Feed, Clothe and Pay Medical
Bills, for the laborers and their children and pay the two families

fifty bushels of corn each when gathered of the present
crop. Witness our hands this 2d day of June. 1865.
Wm. N. Henderson
Moses his mark x. Agness her mark x Jim + Grace their x mark
In the presance of John. A Law.

Henderson, Wm. N. State of Alabama } Articles of agreement entered into between
Pike County } Wm. N. Henderson of the one part and
Big Sam, Little Sam, Alexander, Henry all grown and George
a Boy Eleven years of age, of the other part, witnesseth that the
said men do agree to labor on the farm + else where for said
Henderson, until the twenty fifth day of December next as the
Military Law requires and the said Henderson does agree
to feed Clothe and pay Medical Bills, and pay Big Sam
Little Sam, Alex and Henry, Fifty Bushels of corn each and
George twenty five Bushells, to be paied when gathered of the
present crop Witness our hands this 2" day of June 1865.
Wm. N. Henderson.
Big Sam x Little Sam x Alexander x Henry x George, their marks.
Test= John A Law.

Henderson, Wm. N. State of Alabama } Articles of Agreement entered into between
Pike County } William N. Henderson of the one part and
Ellen a woman, and her five Children aged from three to sixteen
years, and Sarah and her two Children aged three and six years,
of the other part Witnesseth that the said woman and the
largest children do agree to labor on the farm and elsewhere for
the said Henderson until the 25" day of December next
and the said Henderson does agree on his part to Feed, Clothe
Pay, Medical, Bills, for each family, and pay Ellen, Fifty bus=
of Corn and Sarah 25" bus of Corn, to be paied of the present Crop
when gathered. Witness our hands, this 2" day of June 1865
Wm. N. Henderson
Ellen her x mark, Sarah her x mark } Test. John. A Law.

Henderson, Wm. N. State of Alabama } Articles of Agreement entered into between
Pike County } William N Henderson, of the one part,
and Frank and his Wife Mourning and their seven Children
aged from three to nineteen years and Lucy and her two Children

aged three and seven years of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Frank and Family and Lucy, do agree to Labor on the Farm and elsewhere for said Henderson, untill the twenty fifth day of December next as the Military law requires and the said Henderson does agree on his part to feed clothe pay all Medical Bills and Pay Frank and his Family one hundred and Sixty bushels of Corn (160) and Lucy 20 Bushels of Corn to be Paid out of the present Crop when gathered. Witness our hands this 2nd day of June 1865. Wm. A. Henderson.

Frank x Manning x Lucy their marks

Attest. J. A. Law.

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Henderson Wm. State of Alabama } Articles of Agreement between William
Pike County } A. Henderson of the one part and Andrew
and his Wife Viney, and their two Children one three and the other
six years of age. Ephraim a boy 16 years old. Ann a Girl 20
years of age. of the other part. Witnesseth that the said Andrew
and wife do agree to labor for said Henderson untill the 25
of December next as the Military law requires for Sixty (60) bus-
of Corn. and the said Ephraim and Ann. do agree to labor as before
stated for Thirty bushels of Corn, each. and the said Henderson does
agree to Feed, Clothe, and pay Medical Bills, and pay the Corn to
said Laborers, when gathered of the present Crop. June 2nd 1865.

Wm. A. Henderson.

Andrew. x Viney. x Ephraim x Ann x their marks

Signed in the presance of John. A. Lowe.

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I L Hudgins } Contract with Henderson
The State of Alabama } Articles of agreement
Pike County } between I L Hudgins of
the County & State aforesaid of the first part
and his Servants of the second part. Viz.
a Man Sixty Three years of age. Hannibal
a Man Sixty five years of age. Daniel a
Man Sixty years of age. Caroline a Woman
Sixty five years of age. Martha a Woman
Twenty five years of age. Lorrain a boy fifteen
years of age. Harriett fourteen years of age
second part. The parties of second part a-
gree to work for said Hudgins from the
date of this agreement untill Twenty fifth
day of December 1865. on his farm in said
County. And said Hudgins agrees to give parties
of the second part 1/4 of all the corn, Fodder
Peas & Potatos produced on said farm in
the year 1865. and furnish said Slaves with
the usual Garment of Clothing. provisions
that has been customary also pay Doct.
Bills, all of which is to be in full payment
for their services. Own. Hannibal. Double
Caroline & Martha is to have one fourth
one fourth of all the articles mentioned
above each. Lorrain & Harriett is to have one
fifth of one fourth of the above mentioned ar-
ticles as they are not equal to one hand
Attest. Caroline + I L Hudgins
S A Belmont Martha + Own + Work-
I W Howard Lorrain + Hannibal + "
Harriett + Daniel + "

A Statement of Slaves owning & Contracted on
the 25 of May 1865 by I L Hudgins
Own + family Own a Man Sixty Nine years
of age. Caroline his wife 65. Alexander born 6
Feb. 4. Robert 2. Birth 6 months - Hannibal
35 yrs. Daniel 30. Martha 28. Adeline 19. Harriett
14. Lorrain 15. Queen 54. Richard 6 months -

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Mariah a woman 40 years of age at Liberty
No 9 - Witness Chas Pleasant
Sibby a woman 35 + Let out to work for 1 Year
2 Children, Nicholas + Christmas until 25 Dec.
Dina a woman 45 + Let out for three Years
two Children
Sarah a woman - 35 + Let out for same Term.
1 Child 4 yrs old of age

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Franklin Rutherford

Article of Agreement Between Franklin Rutherford of the State of Alabama and County of Macon And his former Slaves Bevit Isaac Hany Stephen Eliza Melissie Viney & Mariah

The said Slaves having hired themselves to the Said Rutherford as Laborers to finish and gather the present Crop. Now growing on said Rutherfords plantation and to faithfully to labour for that end. and purpose and to do and perform all other Necessary acts which may tend in any way in aiding in the Making and gathering of said Crop, the said Rutherford for in Consideration of said Labour to be so performed hereby agree and bind himself to pay to the said Labourers when the Crop is so made and gathered in, by said Mentioned laborers, the tenth part of all the Corn fodder peas and potatoes that may be Made and gathered on said plantation, and the said laborers above Mentioned, hereby agree to accept the tenth part as above stated as full and perfect satisfaction and payment for their labour bestowed The Provisions of Labour regulations will be Carried out

June 19th 1865

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Jemima Evans

State of Alabama
Pike County

This indenture Made this 12th day of June between Jemima Evans of the one part and the following named freaman of the second part witnesseth that the said J Evans of the 1st part agree to Employ the following named freaman Nelly 45 Netty 14 for their food Clothing Medical attendance and she further agrees to Comply with the regulations issued at Montgomery ala on the 26th day of May 1865 for the government of freaman labouring in Ala, the above named freaman in Consideration of the part furnished by Jemima Evans do agree to labour for the said Jemima Evans until the 25th day of Dec next

Jemima Evans
Nelly + her mark
Netta + her mark

Gains Brown Wit
P F. Otwesaly "

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Margarett C Braswell.

State of Ala }
Pike County } This Contract Made the 12th day of June 1865
between Margarett Braswell of the one part
and the following named Freaman of the other part
witnesseth that the said Margarett Braswell of the one part
agrees to Employ the following named freaman and
Children Arthur and Mitty the said Margarett Braswell
agrees on his part to furnish said named freaman food
Clothing houses Medical Attention and fuel and in
addition one Eighth of My present growing Crop of
Corn and further agrees to Comply with the Rigulations
issued at Montgomery Ala on the 26th day of May 1865
by the goverment of Freamen Laboring in Ala the above
named freaman in Consideration of the part furnished
by Margarett Braswell agrees to Labour for the said
Margarett Braswell until the 1st day of January 1866
and further agrees to Comply with the regulations for
governing freadmen of Ala in witness we Have subscribed
our Names in the presents of

Test S. J. Williams — Margarett C Braswell
B. E. Braswell 11 — Arthur + his Mark
Mitty + her Mark

D. A. McRae

State of Ala }
Macon County } Articles of agreement between D A
McRae and Luke McRae — D
D A McRae agrees to pay said Luke forty Dollars
in Money and furnish Clothing Shelter and fuel
& Medical attendance when Necessary and the said
Luke agrees to faithfully Labour until the 25th
day of December Next This the 15th day of
June 1865

Test
C. W. Buckley 12

D A McRae
Luke his + mark McRae

William F Harris

State of Ala }
Pike County } This an agreement entered into between
Said Wm F Harris and a freedman to wit Lewis
between 50 & 60 years of age and his family to Wit
Judy his Wife age 45 Years Also Gray his son
17 years of age Reader his Daughter 13 years of age Mary
his daughter 11 years of age Jaye his son 9 years of age
& the said Wm F Harris do agree to find Cloth
and Medical attendance to the Above named family
And to give Lewis Ten Bushels Corn and 100 pounds
of pork at the end of the year if they Comply with
Contract

Lewis his + mark — Mary + her Mark
Test E W Harris — Judy his + mark
" Jas M Long 13 — Gray his + mark — Ceylon his + mark
Reader his + mark

Rafe a freeman 27 years of age & the said Wm F Harris
do agree to find Cloth and Medical attendance and
give him 10 Bushels Corn and 100 pounds of Pork
at the end of the year if he Complys with Contract
Test E W Harris — Rafe + his mark
J M Long 14

Ann a free woman twenty years of age 2 Children
one 2 years old the other 5 month old, & the said
Wm F Harris do agree to find Cloth and give Medical
attention to the Above named family
Test E W Harris — Ann x her mark
J. M. Long 20

Judy a free Woman Sixty years old & the said
W. F Harris do agree to find Cloth and give Medical
attention to the above named Woman
Test
E W Harris 21 — Judy + her mark
J M Long

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McRae & Wright

State of Ala }
Macon County } Article of Agreement Made & Entered into between McRae & Wright and Handy Dewane - McRae & Wright Agrees to furnish said Clothing Shelter fuel & Medical Attention when Necessary and pay the party of the second part fifteen Dollars in Money and fifteen Baskets Corn on the 1st January next and the party of the second part agrees to faithfully Labour until the 25th day of Dec next
June 15th 1865

Test
C W Buckley

McRae & Wright
Handy his + mark Dewane

Stat of Ala } Article of Agreement entered into
Macon County } between McRae & Wright of the first part and Diest Bell of the second part the party of the first part agrees to find Cloth furnish fuel Shelter and Medical attendance when Necessary and pay the first of January Next Twenty five Dollars in Money & fifteen Dollars in Leather at the Market price, the party of the second part agrees to faithfully to Labour at the Farm yard when Necessary & do other labour when Necessary and Not leaved at the Farm yard until the 25th December Next

Test
C W Buckley

McRae & Wright
Diest his + mark Bell

Mrs Catharine McLane

This Agreement Made this 12th day of May 1865 between Mrs Catherine McLane in the County of Pike and State of Ala of the 1st part and Freedman Richard and Wesley with their families and Freedman Eliger formally servants of Mrs Catherine McLane on the second part

Witnesseth that the said Freedman Richard and Wesley with their families and Freedman Eliger has agreed to enter the service of Mrs Catherine McLane as Laborers and Covenant and agrees to and with the said Mrs Catherine McLane that they will faithfully honestly and industriously serve as Labourers on the plantation of the said Mrs Catherine McLane and faithfully and readily obey all the reasonable wishes and Commands protect and preserve the goods and property of the said Mrs C McLane, and Not suffer or allow any to be injured or wasted they shall not be absent from Labour without leave and in all things and at all times to behave as a faithful Laborer ought to do from this date to the 25th day of Dec 1865 - for the Compensation of one tenth of the Growing Crop of Corn fodder and peas on the plantation of the said Catherine McLane for the year payable when the Crop is gathered and the said Mrs C McLane Covenants with the said Freedman Richard & Wesley with their families and freeman Elijah that they will furnish the said Laborers during the continuance of the time Contracted for with sufficient provisions and Clothing and in case of sickness with Medical attendance Care and Medicines and will pay them for their services rendered as faithful and honest Laborers the Amount of one tenth of the present growing Crop of Corn fodder and Peas on the plantation for this year payable when the Crop are gathered

And it is further agreed between the parties to presents, that if default be made in fulfilling this Contract on the part of the said party of the second part then in such case the said party of the first part her Heirs and assigns shall be at Liberty to Consider this Contract

as forfeited and annulled

In witnes Whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hand and seal the day and year first above written

Catherine M Lane (seal)
Richard his + mark (seal)
Wesley his + mark (Seal)
Elezer his + mark (seal)

Signed sealed and delivered in the presents of
L M Kennon
D S Bethune

Dr E. R. Porter

State of Ala
Pike County } This agreement made and entered into this the 12th day of June 1865 between E R Porter of the 1st part and Matthew and Jason freedmen and Lucy Salina Sarah and Florella freed Women of the other part all of the state and County aforesaid witnesseth that E R Porter do agree to furnish food and raiment Comfortable houses and fuel also when sick pay them such attention as humanity demands and pay all Medical Bills, this Contract to last until the 25th Dec next and we the said freed Men & Women do agree to live with said E R Porter until the 25th Dec next and perform such Labour as was required of us before we became freed Men and Women in witness whereof we have hereunto set our hand and seals, the day and year above Written

Signed in the presents of
F A Byers
S Gillis

Matthew + his mark
Lucy + her "
Salina + " "
Florella + " "
Sarah + " "
Jason + his "

E. R. Porter

Dr S J Lewis

An Agreement Made between Dr S J Lewis and Hiram Dawson Dr S J Lewis is to pay him 25 Bushels Corn one suit of Clothes and pr Shoes Hat or Cap for his services from Now to the 25th day of Dec next— Hiram is to do good Work to the Above specified time and have ½ of every Saturday and Sun go to see his Wife every two weeks if he wishes

June 19th 1865

S J Lewis
Hiram his + mark Dawson

E W Toney Test

Dr E. R. Porter

State of Ala } This agreement made and entered into
Pike County } this the 12th June 1865 between E W Porter of the 1st Part and Wiley John Nat Jennett Vine and Jane freed Men and Women of the other part all of the State and County aforesaid, witnesseth that E. E R Porter do agree to furnish food and raiment Houses fuel also when sick pay them such attention as honesty demands and pay all Medical Bills, this Contract to last until the 25th Dec next, and we the said freed Men and Women do agree to live with said E R Porter until the 25th Dec next and perform such Labour as was required of us before we became freed Men & Women in witness whereof we have hereunto set our hand and seal the day and year above written

Signed sealed and delivered in the presents of
F A Byers
S Gillis

Wiley + his Mark
John + his "
Nat + " "
Jennett + her "
Vine + " "
Jane + " "

E R Porter

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E W Williams

State of Ala } Know all Men by these presents that
Pike County } this indenture Made on the 17th June
1865 between E W Williams of the 1st part and
the following named freed Men & Women to wit
Kendrel Smith Peter Missouri Sarah Jane
the last two Minors under 14 Years of age
Fernando and Winnie and their Minor
Children to Wit Michael Fanny Mary
Georgean Amanda and Ellen Hannah
and the Minor Children to Wit Shepherd
Simon Sally & Patty of the second part
witnesseth that the said part of the 1st part
for in Consideration of the services as
farm Laborers of said Men & Women of the
2d Part doth Covenant and agree to pay
unto said Men & Women of the 2d part their
food Clothing Medical attention fuel and
house room as he has heretofore given
unto them they agreeing upon their part
to be unto him good and faithful servants
and also promising upon their part
Not to absent themselves from his premises
on No account without his knowledge and
Consent Should they prove unfaithful to
be judged of by the Superintendant or absent
themselves without his Williams Consent
they are to forfeit all their wages and
submit to such punishment as the Law
directs he Williams of the 1st part promises
to be kind and humane unto them and
at all times to exercise a strict discipline
over them and to protect them in all their
Rights this indenture to expire the 25th Decr
next

E. W. Williams

Signed in presence of
A J Knowles
G W Knowles
and each of the others

Kendrel + his mark
Smith + " "
Peter + " "
Missouri + her mark
Fernando + his mark
Winnie + "
Hannah + "
Sarah + "
Jane + "

John C McSwean

State of Ala } Articles of agreement entered
Macon County } into this 7th day of June 1865
between John C McSwean of the 1st part
and the following named Negroes to wit Harry
William Washington Mely Ligie Amanda
and all of them of the above on their part
doth agree to bind themselves the balance
of the year on the farm of the said McSwean
and do faithful hands on the said plantation
doing all kind of work that said McSwean
or his Agent may order to be done — and
the said McSwean on his part do agree
to find and Clothing them and pay them Dr
Bills and Comfortable Houses and Food
all that he has done heretofore all of
which we bind ourselves and Obligate to
do and perform the day and date above
written

Signed in the presence of
C J Portell
Wm D McSwean

John C McSwean
Harry + his mark
William + " "
Washington + " "
Mary + her "
Lissy + " "
Amanda + " "

In addition to the above Named ~~Slaves~~ Persons
Mentioned I have four Children to take
Care of Anne Wade Jack and Elvira they
are all Children of the above Named
Amelia and they are under Eight Years
old

John C McSwean

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A A Knowles

State of Ala }
Pike County } This Agreement Made and entered into this 12th day of Jan 1865 between A R Knowles of the County and State aforesaid of the 1st part And we Harry and Daniel freeamen and Kissy Freedwomen of the other part all of the State and County aforesaid, Witnesseth that A. A R Knowles do agree to furnish said freeamen and freedwomen food and raiment Comfortable Houses & fuel also when sick pay them such attention as humanity demands and pay all Medical bills, this Contract Continues in force until the 25th day of Decr Next, and we the said freeamen & freedwomen do agree to live with the said A A Knowles until the 25th day of Decr and perform such Labour as was required of us before we became freeamen & freedwomen — In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seal the day and year above written

Signed in the presents of
E R Porter
E G Williams 52

Harry + his mark
Daniel + " "
Kissy + her "

A. A. Knowles

Elijah Watts

State of Ala } This Agreement between Elijah
Pike County } Watts of the 1st part and Step and Fannie of the 2nd part, Witnesseth and Hereby Agree that Elijah Watts of the first part will furnish Step and Fannie of the 2d part with Necessary food and Clothing fuel & for the services of Step and Fannie of the 2d part for the remainy portion of the present year

Witness my Hand and seal
Test E G Williams
E R Watts 54

Elijah Watts

Step + his mark
Fannie + her "

John A Foreman

State of Ala }
Macon County } This Agreement entered into between J A Foreman of the one part and the following Named persons of the second part Namely Hamp Jerry Adam Dave Jerry Emily Elizabeth with two Children that the said Negroes agreed on their part to work on the farm of the said J A Foreman until the 1st January Next according to the Common Customs subject to Control and direc-tions of said J A Foreman

That the said J A Foreman agreed on his part to give to said Negroes for their services faithfully rendered in addition to subsistence Quarters fuel Clothing and Medical attendance in Sickness one tenth of the present growing Crop Consisting of Corn Peas Potatoes Sorghum in witness whereof we have here unto signed our Names and Marked our Mark all of this on the 15th June 1865

Test
J J Foreman
Nicy Metcalf

J A Foreman

Hamp + his mark
Jerry + " "
Adam + " "
Dave + " "
Jerry + " "

Emily + her mark
Elizabeth + " "
Martha + " "
Ann + " "
6 +

Mrs E. Taylor

State of Ala }
Macon County } Article of agreement Made this day between Mrs E Taylor and the following Named person Harris of which the party of the first part do agree to furnish Provisions Clothes and Medical attendance and the party of the second part do agree to work faithfully as follows to work as they did before

Test
Robert E. Taylor 55

Norris his mark

John Morris Agt for Mary Williams

State of Ala }
Macon County } This Agreement Made between J W Morris Agt for Mary Williams and Wesley and Jane Colred servants is as follows Dr. J W Morris do agree to Bord the said Boy and girl to find them two suits of Common every day Close Medical attendance quarterly fuel & food and one pair shoes the said boy Wesley I give fifteen Bushels of Corn and the girl I give five Bushels of Corn said girl Has two Children I also agree to pay their Medical Bills the said Boy and Girl agree to be good and faithful Servants Obedient to their Mistrip and to those that are put in Control of them and work six days in a week except Saturday after Noon and work of Saturdays after Noon in Case of Necessity and attend to the stock as they have done heretofore when they have holeday The said Boy and Girl agree to stay on the place all the time unless permission to leave with a pass and return when said pass is out said Contract is to last until the 25th Dear 1865

This the 13th June 1865 J W Morris Agt for Mary Willms
Test L Jonyblood Wesley + his mark
Solomon Parker 67 Jane + her "

W. H. Waugh

This agreement shall be binding upon the parties as follows W H Waugh of Macon County State of Ala agrees to hire Simon his former Negro at the rate of 5$ per Month and feed and Cloth him and give him Medical attendance and said Simon agrees on his part to work faithfully at every work said Waugh may direct, being respectful and attentive, this Agreement to be in force until the 1st day of October Next

Wm H Waugh
C W Buckley 68
Test

Sarah Williams

State of Ala }
Pike County } This Contract Made the 12th day of June 1865 between Sarah Williams of the one part and the following named Freedman of the other part witnesseth that the said Sarah Williams of the one part agrees to Employ the following freeman and Children Catharine 55 years Old with two Children James & Matilda under 14 years old the said Sarah Williams agrees on her part to furnish said named Freeman food Clothing Medical attention Houses fuel and further agrees to comply with the regulations issued at Montgomery Ala on the 26th day of May 1865 by the goverment of freeman Labouring in Ala the above named freeman in Consideration of the part furnished by Sarah Williams agrees to labour for the said Sarah Williams until the 1st day of January 1866 and further agrees to Comply with the regulations for governing Freedmen of Ala in witness whereof we have subscribed our Names in the presents of

Test S J Williams
B E Braswell

Sarah Williams
Catherine + her mark
James + his "
Matilda + her "

William H Waugh

This Agreement entered into this 15th day of June 1865 between W H Waugh of the County of Macon State of Ala of the one part and Elsey Patty Liddy Fanny and Clifford formally his slaves of the other part said Waugh agrees on his part to give the aforesaid Negroes a home to feed and Cloth them and give them Medical attendance when necessary and said Negroes agree on their part to work faithfully and to behave themselves in a respectful Manner this instrument to be binding on the parties until the 1st day of January next

C W Buckley 70
Witness

Wm H Waugh

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N. L. Connell

State of Ala } June 10th 1865 This agreement between
Pike County } N. L. Connell of the first part and
Pollard Jane Bell Georgian Sizie Jack
and Harriett of the second part witnesseth
first that for and in Consideration of the
Matter herein after named the party of the 1st
part hereby agrees to give to the party of the
second part for there faithful services for the
remaining portion of the present year all
Necessary Clothing food and Medical attendance
& and also one tenth of all Corn Made on
the farm and also a pair of Boots extra from
Necessary shoeing to Sezer and Jack and one
Nice pair of shoes extra to all the rest
each party to be governed by rules laid down
in Order of the 26th of May 1865 Witness our
hands and seal on the day and year above
written

N. L. Connell
Pollard + his mark
Jane + her "
Bu + his "
Georgean + her "
Seger + " "
Jack + his "
Harriett + her "

Test A J Williams
M W Thornton

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Mariah P. Raborn

State of Ala } June 19th 1865 Article of
Macon County } Agreement Made this day
Made between M P Raborn and the following
Named persons by which the party of the
1st part agrees to find Cloth provide food
shelter and Medicine attendance when Nec
essary and pay at the expiration of the time of
service one tenth of the present growing field
Crop the party of the second part to labour faithfully
until the 25th Dec 1865

Mariah P Raborn
Lewis + his mark
Laura X her mark Mary + her "
Rube + " "

Test J W Raborn

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Ganes Brown

State of Ala }
Pike County } This indenture Made this
12th of June 1865 between
Ganes Brown of the one part and the following
Named freedman Viz Jack 37 Mary 37 and
her two Children Aged 14 & 10 Daniel 25 Ann 17
years old, all field hands the said G. Brown agrees to
give them the present Corn Crop growing on a certain
piece of Land and the 10 of the pork that he may
gather this fall food Clothing and Medical attention
the said Ganes Brown agrees to Comply with the
regulations Issued at Montgomery Ala on the
26th May for the Government of freedmen in Consi
deration of the part furnished by G. Brown do agree
to labor for the said G Brown until the 25th day
of Dec next Said Jack and his family to have 3 fifths
and Daniel and Ann 2 fifths of the Corn and Nuts
above named — In witness whereof we have
subscribed our Names in presence of

P F Huckabay
G T Brown

Ganes Brown
Jack + his mark
Mary + her "
Daniel + his "
Ann + her mark

M. W. Thornton

State of Ala } June 15th 1865 Article of agreement
Pike County } with M W Thornton of the 1st part and
Charity Devane of the second part I M W Thornton
of the 1st part do agree to give Charity of the 2d
part Six Dollars pr Month Clothing Doctors Bill
and Board and 2 pr Shoes all for faithful
services when rendered at the end of the year
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Test
J J Johnson

M W Thornton
Charity + her mark Devane

William Strum

State of Ala & This indenture made 14th of June
Pike County & 1865 between Wm Strum on the one part
and the following named freamen of the second part
witnesseth that the said Wm Strum of the first part agrees
to employ the following named freamen one man
Jim 75 years 3 Clap hand below age 50 years 3 Clap hand
Mandy a Girl aged 16 2nd Clap hand Isabella aged 13
years 13 years old Martha a Girl 10 years old Below his
two Children aged between 7 and 9 years old the said
Wm Strom agrees to furnish the said named freamen
and Children food Clothing houses fuel and Medical
attendance and in addition one tenth of Corn and
fodder of the present growing crop on the plantation
of said Wm Strum and further agrees to Comply with
regulations issued at Montgomery on the 26th day
of May 1865 for the government of freadmen Laboring
in Ala The above named freagmen in Consideration
of the part furnished by Wm Strom do agree to labor
for the said Wm Strom until the first day of January
1866 and further agree to Comply Strictly with the
Labour regulations for the government of free
Labour in Ala — in witnesseth whereof we have
subscribed our names in the presents of

John D Holloway
W O Rotton

Wm Strom
Jim + his mark
Billow + " "
Mandy + her "
Isabella + " "
Martha + " "

E. W. Toney

An Agreament entered in to between E W Toney
and Allen Foster Toney agrees to board this
of Allens Childrean for 10 $ pr Month
Board to Commence the 1st June 1868

E W Toney

Allen + his mark Foster

R B Thornton

State of Ala & The following Contract Made and Con-
Macon County & -cluded June the 15th 1865 Between R B
Thornton on the one part and the following named
Laborers his former Negroes to this Elbert Jef Mack
Adelin ~~Matilda~~ Peter Sarah on the other part
witnesseth that the said Labourers have this day
agreed to Labor with and for the said R B Thornton on
his farm as heretofore and are to receive as Com-
-pensation for said Labor one tenth of the Corn
fodder & Sorghum Syrup Made on said farm in addition
to food Clothing Shelter and Medical Attendance and
further the following named Laborers do agree to
Labour with and for the said R B Thornton on his
farm as heretofore for food Clothing Shelter and
Medical attendance to wit Betsey Martha and
Sarah Adelin + her mark R B Thornton
Test ~~Matilda~~ + " " Elbert + his mark
Wm Pagenhart Peter + his " Jef + " "
Sarah + her " Mack + " "

A H Foster

Article of Agreement entered into this day between
A H Foster party of the first part and Martha Perry
(Col'd woman) party of the 2nd part

The said party of the first part agrees to furnish
food Clothing Shelter fuel and Medical attendance
when necessary to the said party of the 2nd part and
her Child Susan Bell; and to pay the said party the
sum of Twelve (12 $) Dollars in either Money or
Provisions (at the option of the party of the 1st part
at the expiration of term of Service

The said party of 2nd part agree to labor
faithfully at such Kitchen house or other domestic
work as may be assigned to her until the 1st of Janry
next

Peter Macklead

A H Foster

Martha her + mark Perry

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Thomas F. Hubbard

State of Ala } This agreement Made and entered into
Pike County } June 10th 1865 between Thos F. Hubbard of the first part and the following freamen & freadwomen to wit Sam Wesley Cicero Celia Betsey of the second part Witnesseth That the party of the 1st part agree to give to the persons of the 2d part as follows to Wesley 30 Bushels Corn to Cicero 25 Bushels Corn to Sam 15 Bushels Corn to Celia 12½ to Betsey 12½ Bushels Corn the party of the 1st part further agrees to furnish the party of the 2d part and their Children now upon the farm of the party of the first part with good Clothing Medical attendance houses & food as heretofore till the 1st January 1866 on condition that the said party of the 2d part labor faithfully and Deligently on the farm of the party of the 1st part or else where as may be required by the party of the 1st part or his agts under the direction and Management of the party of the 1st part his agent or superintendent till the 1st Janry 1866 — And the party of the 2d part in Concideration of the above agreement of the party of the 1st part agree to labor, faithfully and Deligently as hired labores should do upon the farm of the party of the 1st part or elsewhere as may be required by the party of the first part or his agents under the direction and management of the party of the 1st part his agents or superintendent till 1st January 1866 — and further or all of the persons of the second part for any cause, fail to labor and work as agreed upon, or refuse to do it, the portion which said person or persons who so fail or refuse is intitled to, shall go to the party of the 1st part and the party of the 1st part shall not be bound to furnish them and their Children with food &c as agreed on — and further if any one or more of the persons of the second part unnecessarily or wantonly take injure or destroy or cause to be taken, injured or destroyed anything belonging to the party of the 1st part the said party of the 1st part shall have the right to indemnify himself for such damages sustained, out of the portion going to said person or persons causing the damage

and the party of the 2d part further agree that their Children shall remain on the place of the party of the first part and do such duties in such manner as they have done heretofore, or they may be directed to do by the party of the first part, his agents or superintendent till Janry 1st 1866 — and the part of the second part further agree to work faithfully & deligently after protect and take good care of all the Mattes & things and affairs of the party of the first part

In testimony whereof we set our hands & seal

Test
John P Hubbard
F Foreman

Thos F. Hubbard
Sam X his mark
Wesley + " "
Cicero + " "
Celia X her "
Betsey + " "

W. J. Hubbard

State of Ala } This Agreement Made and entered into this
Pike County } the 10th day of June 1865 Between W. J. Hubbard senior of the 1st Part and the following Named freedmen and freedwomen to wit Elbert Riley David Gilbert Simon Robert Harry Abe Sarner Poll Caroline Abbie Hannah Sallie Salvia and Mint of the 2d part Witnesseth

That the party of the first part agrees to give to the party of the 2d part one tenth of all the Corn raised and gathered & saved on the farm of the party of the 1st part during the present year, and the party of the 1st part further agrees to furnish the party of the 2d part and their Children now upon the party of the 1st part's farm, with food Clothing Medical attendance houses fuel as heretofore until the 1st of Janry 1866 all on Condition that the party of the 2d part, labor on the farm of the party of the 1st part or elsewhere as may be directed by the party of the first part or his agent under the direction and Management of the party of the 1st part his Agent or Superintendent until the 1st January 1866 — and the party of the

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2nd part in Concideration that they receve one Tenth of all the Corn raised gathered and saved during the present year on the farm of the part of the 1st part, and the further Concideration that the party of the 1st part furnishes the party of the 2d part and their Children now upon the farm of the party of the 1st part, with food Clothing Medical attendance houses & fuel, as hereto for untio the 1st January 1866 agree to Labour faithfully and deligently as hired Laborers should do upon the farm of the party of the 1st part or elsewhere as they be directed, under the directions and Management of the party of the 1st part his Agt or superintendant until the 1st Jany 1866 — Further if any one or more or all the persons of the second part fail or refuse for any cause to Labor or work agreed upon, that portion of the tenth said person or persons would be entitled to shall go to the party of the first part, and the party of the first part shall not be bound to furnish said persons or persons with food &c as agreed to, And further if any one or more persons of the 2d part, unnecessarily or wantonly take injure or destroy or cause to be destroyed taken or destroyed any thing belonging to the party of the 1st part, the party of the 1st part shall have the right to indemnify himself for such damage out of the portion going to the person or persons causing the damage or doing it and if the thing be meat the amount there of shall be deducted from the rations such person or persons would be entitled to furnished with, should they or them fail to indemnify, or if it should not And the party of the 2d part further that they Children shall remain and do such duties as hereto for as may be hereafter required till the 1st Jany 1866 And the party of the 2d part further agrees to work faithfully and deligently after protest and take good care of all the Matters and affairs in the things of the party of the 1st part — In witness whereof Caroline X Robert X his mark W J Hubbard & Harriet our hands and seals Hannah X Simon X " " E Albert + his mark

Test Wm J Hubbard
H Foreman

Bettie X Polk + Henry X " " Ruby + " "
Mint X abbie X Abe + " " David + " "
Callie X James X " " Gilbert + " "

W V Thompson

State of Ala } Imm 10th 1865 Article of an Agreement
Pike County } entered into between W V Thompson of the one part and the following named freedmen of the other part witnesseth that W V Thompson agrees to find Cloth and furnish houses and pay Phisicians Bill of the following named freedmen viz; Charles age 48 yrs 2d Class John age 60 yrs Ann age 17 yrs 3 Class said W V Thompson agrees to pay said freedmen ⅛ of the present growing crop which is gathered of the following named Concoctus Corn Potatoes Fodder Peas and Ground nuts, to be divided among the said freedmen according to the Above Classification, provided the said freedmen comply with the requisitions of the published orders for the Government of Employees and freedmen the said freedmen agrees to perform all the Labor that is customary to be performed on the farm

Witness in the presents of
F V Bendall
A S Bendall

W. V. Thompson
Charles + his mark
John + " "
Ann + her "

Mrs Mary Jinkins

State of Ala } This indenture Made this 10th day of June
Pike County } 1865 between Mary Jinkins of the 1st part and the following named freedmen of the 2nd part — John Jane and Maniah witnesseth that the said Mary Jinkins of the first part agrees to employ the following named freedmen John Jane and Maniah, the said Mary Jinkins agrees to furnish said named freedmen food Clothing Houses fuel Medical attention and in addition to pay the said named freedmen one tenth the present growing Crop of Corn fodder Peanuts Potatoes Sorghum and pond on the plantation of the said Mary Jinkins and further agrees to comply with the regulations issued at Montgomery Ala on the 26th day of May 1865 for the goverment of freedmen Laboring in Ala the Above Named freedmen in Consideration of the part furnished by Mary Jinkins agrees to Labour for the said Mary Jinkins until the 25th Dece 1865 and further

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agrees to comply strictly with the labor regulations for the government of free labor in ala

In witness whereof we have subscribed our names in the presents of

J D Justin
W S Terry

Mary Justin
John + his mark
Jane + her "
Mariah + " "

E. W. Tony

State of Ala } Article of Agreement made this day
Macon County } betwen E.W. Tony and the following
Named persons Adaline Henry and Mike by which
the party of the first part agrees to find cloth provide
Shelter and Medical attendance when necessary
The party of the second part to labour faithfully
at anything the party of the first part may see
proper to put them at
June 15th 1865

Test C.W. Buckley

Edwd W. Tony
Adline X her mark
Henry + " "
Mike + his "

Samuel Nicks

State of Ala } June 10th 1865
Pike County } Article of agreement entered into
between Samuel Nicks of the one part and
Harriett a Col'd woman age about 27 years 2nd
Clap and Eddy age about 29 years affected with
Chronic inflamation of the womb 2d Clap and
Isaac Edys Child age 12 years Eddy has two Children
and Harriet 3 said Samuel Nicks agrees to feed
and cloth said freedmen and their Children
and pay their Doctors Bill until the 1st January
next and Harriet Eddy and Isaac agrees to perform
the all such Labor for said Nicks as they have
done heretofore
Executed in the presents of

J W Hubbard
R A Rowell

Samuel Nicks
Harriett + his Mark
Eddy + " "

Charlett E Kendrick

State of Ala } Article of agreement entered into betwen
Pike County } Charlett E Kendrick of the first part and
Remas and family of the second part Consisting of
his Wife and six Children the oldest 10 years of age
and the youngest 6 Months old the aforesaid C E Ken
drick agrees on her part to find the aforesaid family
in Clothes Victuals and pay their Doctors Bill also
house room and fuel the aforesaid Remas and family
for their part agrees to labor for the aforesaid C E
Kendrick as the Law directs also the aforesaid
C E Kendrick gives them two and a half Acres
and time to Cultivate the same also the half
of each Saturday to prepare for the Sabbath

Witness
Samuel M Smyth
Samuel B Smyth

Remas his + mark Kendrick

S. M. Smith

State of Ala } Article of agreement entered
Pike County } into between S M Smyth of the
first part and Henry of the second part the
said Henry formally belonged to Mrs Ann Thomp-
-son whereas the said Henry was hired to S M Smyth
last January for the fourth part of the growing
Crop the aforesaid Henry being set free still
wishes to Continue with the aforesaid S M Smyth
for the same Consideration she the said Ann
Thompson receiving for five Months Labor
and the said Henry is to receive for the balance
of the year to wit seven Months for which Cons
ideration the said Henry agrees to labour for
the said S M Smith the balance of the year
as the Law directs

Witness
Josiah Singer
Thos Madison

Henry his + mark Thompson

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S. M. Smith

State of Ala } Jan 2nd 1865
Pike County } Articles of agreement entered into between S M Smyth of the one part, and Peter of the other or 2nd part the said Peter agrees to Labour for the said S M Smyth the balance of this year according as the Law directs for his Victuals and Clothes and Doctors bill with an addition of ten Bushels of Corn when the Crop is gathered also an agreement between the aforesaid S M Smith of the 1st part and Phillis of the 2d part the said Phillis agrees to labor for the said S M Smyth the balance of this year according as the Law directs for her Victuals and Clothes and Doctors Bill

Peter his + mark Smyth
Phillis her + mark Smyth

Witness
Thos Madison
Josiah Enger

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J. F. Ellison

Article of agreement ~~this day~~ entered into between J F Ellison and Wiley Peggy Delia Margarett Mary Ann Harriet Sandy Liza Jane Leroy Elija Fannie Calvin Armstead Sam Robin William Thomas Alex Diana Tobe by which the party of the first agrees to find cloth provide fuel Shelter and Medical attendance when necessary and pay at the expiration of the time of serving one tenth of the Corn Potatoes fodder and Sorghum according to ~~the~~ his grain the party of the second part Labour faithfully ~~in the farm faithfully in the farm~~ and otherwise

Test P H Youngblood
A & C Dawson

Dina + her mark J F Ellison
Tobe + his mark
Wiley + Elzy +
Peggy + Fannit +
Delia + Calvin +
Margarett + Armstead +
Mary ann + Sam +
Harriett + Robin +
Sandy Liza + William Thos +
Jane + Alex +
Leroy +

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Peter Hough

State of Ala } This Indenture made the 10th day of June
Pike County } 1865 between Peter Hough of the first part and the following named freedmen of the 2d part

Witnesseth that the said Peter Hough of the first part agrees to employ the following named freedmen Tom & Family Charles & Family Tobe & family Bill & family Amy & family Lucy & Child George July and Peter The said Peter Hough agrees to furnish said named freedmen and Children food Clothing Lawful fuel and Medical attention and in addition one tenth of the present growing Crop of Corn and fodder on the plantation of said Peter Hough and further agrees to Comply with the regulations Issued at Montgomery Ala on the 26th day of May 1865 for the Government of freedmen laboring in Alabama

The above named freedmen in Consideration of the part furnished by Peter Hough do agree to labour for the said Peter Hough until the 1st day of January 1866 and further agree to Comply Strictly with the labor regulations for the Government of free labor in Ala

In witness whereof we have subscribed our Names in Presence of

Peter Hough
Tom + his mark
Uriah Dunn
F M Hough
Thos A Fryer
Lucy + her mark Charles + " "
George + his " Tobe + " "
July + " " Bill + " "
Peter + " " Amy + her "

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A Winaham

State of Ala } Jan 21st 1865 an agreement
Coffee County } entered into this day between A Winaham of the 1st part and George of the 2d part the said Winaham agrees to pay said George food Clothing Shelter & Medical attendance and six Dollars or the worth of it in something that may satisfy said George said George is to labour faithfully until the 1st day of Jany next at which time I will pay him the six Dollars Test E W Tenry

A. Winaham
George + his mark

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G. W. Long

State of Ala } This agreement entered into between
Russel County } G. W. Long of the above State and County on the part of the party of the first part and the Negroes formally owned by the said G W Long on the part of the party of the second part

Witnesseth that the said G W Long does Covenant and agree to the said Negroes that the said G W Long will furnish the said Negroes with rations Clothes and Medical attention for the present year and give them one tenth of all the Corn produced on the farm the present year after deducting enough Corn to fatten the meat hogs also one half of every saturday unless prevented a case of emergency and the said Negroes do Covenant and agree to the said G W Long to do good and faithful service for the said G W Long until the 25th day of Dec next

G. W. Long

Witness	Emily	Milly	Joseph	Emanuel
M S Long	Sophia	Mariah	Jerry	Jarvis
G A Jemison	Alley	Eliza	Gaby	Frank
W S Ransom	Lacey	Beedie	Charity	Wesley
	Louisa	Charlott	Charisy	Humphrey
		Ally	Anna	Robert

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J. F. Cameron

Articles of Agreement Made this day Between J F Cameron and the following named persons Isaac Dunk William Jane Sally & Phoby by which the party of the first part agrees to find cloth and furnish Medical attendance for the present year and give them one tenth of the Corn made on his place the party of the 2d part to labor faithful 10 hours each day except Saturday after Noon and Sunday

J F Cameron

Jinny +	Isaac +
Phoby +	Dunk +
	William +
	Jane +

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Lewis H Smith

Union Springs June 20th 1865

Our agreement entered into this day between L H Smith and his former servants, in which the said Servants agree to Labor on the plantation of the said Lewis H Smith upon the following terms Viz The Said Lewis H Smith shall furnish to said Servants food Comfortable Clothing quarters and Medical attention When necessary free of Charge and also one tenth of the Growing Crop Of they fail to Comply with this Contract they forfeit their portion of the Crop which Contract shall remain in full force during the present year

Lewis H Smith

Signed in the presence of

R P Smith } Dick + Smith
John Wynn } Sandy + Smith
Gus + Smith

Wash × Smith
Jane + Smith
Eliza × Smith
Dave + Smith
Antony + Smith

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F. A. Byars

State of Ala } This Agreement Made and entered into this
Pike County } June 12th 1865 between F A Byars of the State and County aforesaid of the first part and Emeline freed woman of the other part all of the state and County aforesaid

Witnesseth that I. F A Byars do agree to furnish food and Raiment Comfortable House & fuel also when sick pay such attention as humanity demands and pay Medical Bills this Contract to last until the first of January next and I said Freedwoman do agree to live with said F A Byars until the first of January next and perform such Labor as was required of me before I became a freed woman In witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written

In presence of

E R Porter
S Gillis

F A Byars

Emeline + her mark

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Wm Thompson

State of Ala } Articles of Agreement between William
Macon County } Thompson on the one part and the following
Named Laborers on the other Isaac Thornton Dicie
Amos Bret Egbert John Jim Nathan Wash J. Enias
Eley Wooten Rina Sallie Julia Big Elsey Kate Jane
Letta Elsey Cloe Ida Fannie Dupre Caroline Celia
Rose Lucy Dinah Silva

Conformety to an order issued from head quarters
Freiamans Bureau Montgomery Ala I have this day
entered into a Contract with the above named laborers
to work on My plantation upon the following Conditions
I furnish food Clothing houses Medical attention fuel
and (1/5) one fifth of the Corn Fodder Wheat oats and
Potatoes of the present growing, Said Laborers to work
10 hours pr day except the afternoon of Saturday and
all of Sunday

We Certify that the above Contract was made in our
presence and that the Laborers expressed themselves
satisfied

Test W Payne Wm Thompson

	Rena +	Wooten +	Isaac +
	Judy +	Britt +	Jim +
	Sally +	Amos +	Egbert +
Dave +	Big Elsy +	Nathan +	Thornton +
Cloe +	Charity +	Wash +	Dicie +
Dapsy +	Jane +	Elsy +	John +
Jany +	Little Elsy +	Wooten +	Caroline +
Rose +	Dinah +	Lucy +	
Celia +	Silva +		

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R. G. Wright

Article of agreement Made this day between R
G Wright of the first part and Matt a Col^d Man of
the 2^d part the party of the 1st part agrees to find Cloth provi-
sions fuel Shelter & Medical attendance when Ne-
cessary, and pay on the first day of Jany Next 5^p in Money
and fifteen Bushels Corn the party of the 2^d part agrees to
perform labor as the Law requires until the 25th day of Dec^r
Matt Wright R G Wright
C W Buckley June 16th 1865
Witness

Job Thompson

Article of Agreement Made this day between Job Thompson
and the following Named persons Dave & family Wilson & family
Austin & family L Dave & family Rebeca & L Daughtus
Prissilla & family Monday & family Frances Charity & family
Tom & family By which the party of the 1st part agrees to find
Cloth provisions fuel Shelter and Medical attendance when
Necessary The party of the 2^d part to labor faithfully
at any work the party of the 1st part may see fit to put
them at, for such Labor the party of the 1st part is to
give them one tenth (1/10) of all the Crop now growing
term of hire to expire Jany 1st 1866

This June 10th 1865 Job Thompson

Witness

John H Perry	Prissilla +	Dave + his Mark
W P Thompson 28	Monday +	Wilson + " "
	Frances +	Austin + " "
	Charity +	L. Dave + " "
	Tom +	Rebecca + her "

Thomas Youngblood

State of Ala } This Agreement entered into between Thos
Macon Cty } Youngblood of the one part and the
following Named persons of the other part Big Henry
and his wife Dinah & five Children Martha and her 5 Children
Jesse & Wife Charity and four Children Richard his wife
Eliza and nine Children John and his Wife Mary &
one Child and Jack Ola Mary and Money of the other
part — Witnesseth That the persons above named do
on their part agree to work according to the Common Custom
until the 1st day of January Next under Control of said
Thos Youngblood the said Youngblood agrees on his part to
give the above Named Persons for their services rendered
quarters Clothing Medical attention in sickness and one tenth
(1/10) of My Corn and Cotton Crop on the place in witness whereof
we have hereunto signed our Names or Made our Marks
this the 16th June 1865

Witness

James F Martin

John +	Thos Youngblood	
Mary +	Charity +	Henry X
Jack +	Richard +	Dinah +
Ola Mary +	Eliza +	Martha +
Money +		Jesse +

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Barton W Barnett

State of Ala } This indenture made 8th day of
Pike County } June 1865 Between B W Barnett of the
first part and the following named freedmen of the
second part witnesseth that the said B W Barnett of the 1st
part agrees to ~~employ~~ the following named freedman
Sary Hannah Ann Berry Letty Angelina Tinthia Amos
Harry & Tony — the said B W Barnett agrees to furnish
said named freedmen clothing houses fuel and Medical
attention and in addition one tenth of the present
growing Crop of Corn fodder and peas on plantation of said B. W. Barnett and further agrees to Comply
with the regulations issued at Montgomery Ala on the
26th day of May 1865 for the government of freedmen
Labouring in Ala the above named freedmen in
Consideration of the part furnished by B W Barnett
do agree to labor for the said B W Barnett until
the 1st day of January 1866 and further agree to
Comply strictly with the labor regulations for
governing free labor in Ala in witness Whereof
we have subscribed our Names

in the presence of
P E Wood
W L Dozier

Barton W Barnett
Berry + mark Sarah X mark
Letty + " Hannah + "
Angelina " Ann + "
Amos + " Cynthia + "
Harry + " Tony + "

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H. Patterson

I Sally do agree and bind to labor & work in and
about the House and garden for my food Clothing
housing fuel and Medical attention from the 26th
May 1865 to 1st January 1866

Test I Shackelford

Sally + her mark

I agree and bind myself to pay the ~~within~~ above
Sally in Clothes fuel and Medical attention
as agreed upon

H Patterson

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Sarah A Dozier

State of Ala } This indenture made this 19th day of June
Pike County } 1865 Between Sarah A Dozier of the 1st
part and the following named freedmen Boy Daniel
and family Consisting of a wife and one child also Boy
Boy Alford Also Elizabeth and 4 little Children Hale
a Deaf and Dumb woman and two Children of the 2d
part witnesseth that the said Sarah A Dozier agrees
to employ said freedmen and to furnish them food Clothing
houses fuel and Medical Attention and in addition
one tenth of the Corn and fodder peas that is made
upon the place this year of said Sarah A Dozier except
Elizabeth and Hale they agree to work for their food
& Close and the said Sarah A Dozier agrees to Comply
with the regulations issued at Montgomery Ala on the
26th day of May 1865 for the Government of freedmen
labouring in Ala and the Above named freedmen
in Consideration of the part furnished by the said
Sarah A Dozier do agree to labor for the said Sarah
A Dozier till the first day of January 1866 and further
agrees to Comply strictly with the labor regulation
for the Government of free Labor in Ala
In witnis where of we have subscribed Names
in presence of

G W Dozier
B W Barnett

Sarah A Dozier
Daniel + mark
Alford + "
Elizabeth + "
Hale + "

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State of Ala } Articles of Agreement ~~made~~ this
Pike Co } day between C E Corley and the
following named persons Bob Lou and Catharine
By which the party of the first part agrees to
find Cloth provide Shelter and Medical attendance when necessary and give them one tenth
of the present Growing Crop and one tenth of the
pork ~~pork~~ allowed on the place The party of the 2d part
to labor faithfully as they have formally done

Test E W Toney } Caroline E Corley by her mark
June 21 1865 } Bob their + mark and Catharine
Lou +

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NARA1078

Georg W Dozier

State of Ala } This indenture Made this 14th day
Pike County } of June 1865 Between G. W. Dozier
of the first part and the following Named freed
men Viz Jefferson and family Consisting of a wife
and 4 Children of the 2d part Witnesseth that
the said G W Dozier agrees to employ said freedmen
and to furnish them food Clothing houses fuel
and Medical attention and in addition one
tenth of the present growing Crop on the plantat
ion of said G W Dozier ~~and he further agrees~~
~~to Comply with the regulations issued at~~
~~Montgomery Ala on the 26th May 1865 for the~~
government of freedmen labouring in Ala
and the above Named freedmen in ~~Consid~~
ation of the part furnished by the said G W Dozier
do agree to Labour for the said G W Dozier till
the first day of January 1866 and further agree to
Comply Strictly with the labor regulations for the
government of free labor in Ala
In witness whereof we have subscribed our Names
in the presence of
Jonas Justins
B N Horn

G W Dozier
Jefferson his + mark Family

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W F & M McGowan

State of Ala }
Macon County } Article of Agreement Made this day
June 14th 1865 } betwen W F & J McGowan & the following
named persons Ben × Eliza × Amey + of which
the party of the first part agree to find Cloth
provide full Shelter & Medical attendance
when necessary & pay at the expiration of the
time of serving one tenth part of Corn fodder peas
and sorghum and potatoes
The party of the second part to labor
faithfully as follows to work as they
did heretofore
Witness
J. F. McGowan

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Lewis Alexander

Union Springs Ala June 19th 1865

An agreement entered into between Lewis Alexander and
his former servants in which said persons do agree to labor
on the plantation of said Lewis Alexander as faithful
servants and if failing to Comply with the agreement do forfeit
their portion of the Contract terms Viz- The said
Lewis Alexander shall furnish said servants Comfortable
Clothing and quarters, food and Medical attention when
Necessary and also agrees to give them one tenth of
the growing Crop which Contract shall remain in
full force for the present year
Signed in the presence of Joe + Lewis Alexander
R P Smith } Laura + Henry + Thomas + his Mark
Wm A Brown } Susan + June + Steve + " "
Mima + James + Abraham + " "
Mary + Emeline + Burrell + " "
Narcissa + Nancy + Henry + " "
Rose + Alex + " "

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Thomas H Dawson

June 9th 1865 It is agreed between Thos H Dawson
and his former servants that as the present
growing Crop will not yield more than a support
for the next year the servants are to remain on
the place and cultivate and gather the Crop
and do all work Needed on the place as
heretofore and the said Thos H Dawson
is to furnish the said servants food Clothing
and Medical attention and provide for the
aged and Children as he has ever done
heretofore
In presence of
J D Adair
J S Hill

Thos H Dawson
Sam his + mark Dawson
Over his + mark Dawson

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John C Smith

State of Ala } June 20th 1865
Pike County } This indenture Maed by John C Smith of the first part in Compliance with an order issued by Genl Smith at Montgomery on the 26th of May 1865 Nelly & Beady do agree to labor for the said John C Smith until the 1st day of Jany 1866 for our food Clothing houses fuel and Medical attention and our familys — The above Named fmd women do agree to Comply with all the regulations Maed for us to be governed by, John C Smith agree to furnish houses food Clothing fuel and Medical attention for Nelly and Beady and their families for their labor until the 1st of January 1866 also the said John C Smith do agree to Comply with all the Labor regulations

In testimony Whereof we have set our hands the day and year above written

John C Smith
Beady + his mark
Nelly + her "

Wilmp
Robert Boyd
E Vandar Smith

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Margarett McMillen

State of Ala } The following is an agreement made
Pike County } and entered into this 21st day June 1865 between Margarett McMillen of the above State and County and freedman Henry Condace and his Children the said Henry hereby obligates himself, and said Condace obligates herself and Children to labor for and faithfully serve the said Margarett McMillen until the first of January Next and the said Margarett McMillen hereby obligates herself to furnish the said Henry and said Condace and his Children the Necessary food Clothing Houses fuel and Medical attention until the 1st Janry Next and the said M McMillen hereby promises to pay Henry 10 Bushels Corn when the Crop is gathered

In testimony Whereof we have hereunto set our hands this day and year above written

Margarett McMillen
Condace X her mark
Henry + his "

Test John C Smith
E Vandar Smith

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Robert Boyd

State of Ala } The following is an agreement made and
Pike County } entered into this 20th day of June 1865 between Robert Boyd of the above State and County, and freedmen Lewis Jack and Allen on behalf of themselves and their families the said Lewis Jack and Allen hereby obligate themselves and their families to labor for, and serve, the said Robert Boyd faithfully from this until the first of January Next and the said Robert Boyd hereby obligates himself to furnish to the said Lewis Jack and Allen and their families the Necessary food, Clothing Houses fuel and Medical attention until the 1st of January Next, and the said Robert Boyd hereby further promises to pay to Jack and Allen twenty five bushels of Corn each when the Crop is gathered

In testimony Whereof we have hereunto set our hands the day and year above written

Robt Boyd
Levi + his mark
Jack + " "
Allen + " "

Test
John C Smith
W C Boyd

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Thomas H. Dawson

Barbour County Ala June 10th 1865

It is agreed between Thos H Dawson Exr of A B Dawson and the former servants of the estate of said A B Dawson that as the present growing Crop will not yield more than a sufficient for the Next year the servants are to remain on this place and Cultivate and gather the Crop, and do all work around on the place as heretofore and the said Thos H Dawson Exr is to furnish the said servants food Clothing and Medical attention as he has ever done heretofore

Thos H Dawson

In presence of
Wm Carter

Lucy A White

State of Ala } Febr 12th 1865
Pike County } This indenture Made between Lucy A White of the first part and the following Named freamen of the Second part Witnes that the said Lucy A White of the first part agrees to employ the following Named freedman Viz Henry 33 Jack 28 Jorge 16 Jerry 14 the said L A White agrees to furnish the said Named freedman food Clothing and Medical attendance and in addition one tenth of the prisnt Corn Peas and wheat that is growing on the plantation of said L A White and she further agrees to Comply with the regulations issued at Montgomery Ala on the 26th day of May 1865 for the government of freamen, in Consideration of this part promised by L A White do agree to labor for the said L A White until the 25th day of Decr 1865 — In witnes whereof we have subscribed our names in presence of

Gains Brown
Sarah + Cockran her mark

Lucy A White
Henry + his mark
Jack + " "
Jorge + " "
Jerry + " "

H P Sellers

State of Ala } In Compliance with an order emenanting
Pike County } from the freedmans Bureau at Montgomery I have this day entered into the following Contract with the following named so Called freamen for the remainder of the year — I agree to supply said so called freamen with house room subsistence Clothing fuel and Medical attention as has been my Custom They on their part for and in Consideration of the above, agree to labor faithfully and industriously under my superintendance and directions as formally on the plantation or at any other Business I may be directed — In witnes whereof we have hereunto set our hands, this 18th day of June 1865

Test
J C Morris
W McLain

H P Sellers
Caroline + her mark

Mr Sarah Sellers

State of Ala } In Compliance with an order emenanting
Pike County } from the Bureau Montgomery have this day entered into the following Contract with the following Named so Called freamen for the remainder of this year I agree to supply said so Called freamen with house room subsistence Clothing fuel and Medical attention as has been my Custome — They on their part for and in Consideration of the above agree to labor faithfully and industriously under my superintendance and direction as formally on the plantation or at any other business I may direct — In witnes whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 18 day of June 1865

Test
J C Morris
W McLain

Sarah Sellers
Margaritt her X mark and 8

Benjamin Paschal

Hawe Ridge Coffee County Ala June 19th 1865

This Agreement Made the 19th day of June 1865 by and between Benjamin Paschal of the County and State aforesaid of the first part and Harriett George Riley Sarah and three Children under ten years old, four men and women of the 2d part witnesseth That said party of the 2d part agree to and with the party of the 1st part to labor for him on his farm until the Crop is made and gathered and then such other labor as may be necessary upon said farm until the 25th day of Decr next Commencing on the 25th day of May last and to be diligent and punctual during said time as laborers; and the said party of the first part agrees to pay the said party of the second part Necessary food and Clothing house room fuel and if Necessary Medical attention and a Certain described part of said Crop when the same shall be gathered for said labor — In witnes whereof the parties them presents have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written

Test J O Mowaway
" J S Paschal

Riley + seal Benjamin Paschal seal
Sarah + seal Harriett + seal
George + seal

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Thomas Barbosia

State of Ala } May 25th 1865— An agreement is hereby
Coffee County } entered into between Thomas Barbosa of
the first part and William 20 years old Primus a boy 16
years old and Vina a girl 14 yrs old of the other part
Thomas Barbosa do agree to furnish said
persons with subsistence clothing shoes and Medical
aid and give them 5 Acres of my Corn Crop They
on their part agree to work for me from the above
date until the 25th Decr 1865 Thos Barbosa
Test
J. G. Bass 33 Vina + mark
Willis + mark
Ras + Primus +

J. G. Bass

State of Ala } An agreement is hereby entered into
Coffee County } between J.G. Bass of the one part & Henry
Robert Charles Alford and Daniel Col'd Men & Boys
of the other part— I. J G Bass agree to furnish
the above named Col'd persons with subsistence Clothing
and Medical aid &c and to give them one tenth part
of the Corn peas Rice and potatoes that we gather
as a remuneration for their services until the 25th
of Decr 1865— The above named Col'd Men and
boys on their part to labor to the best of their ability
to finish and securing said crop to be obedient
to the Commands of the said J G Bass May 25 1865
Test Asa H Parker Charles + J. G. Bass
Ros his + mark 33 Alford + Henry +
Daniel + Robert +

J. A. Bass

State of Ala } May 25th 1865 An agreement is hereby
Coffee County } entered into between J A Bass of the one part and Charles
a Col'd Man of the other part— I J A Bass agree to furnish
Charles with subsistence Clothing & Medical attendance
& and to allow him one day in every week to work for himself
& the use of my tools Charles on his part agrees to work with me
until the 25th day of Decr 1865
Test Asa H Parker 33 J A Bass
Henry + his mark Charles + his mark

G. B. Clark.

State of Ala } This Agreement Made the 20th day of
Dale County } June 1865 by and between G B Clark
of the County and State aforesaid of the 1st part
and Henry aged 35 years and Agnes 33 years and
Edward aged 16 years and John aged 12 years Free men
and women of the second part— witnesseth, that
the said party of the 2d part agrees to and with the
party of the first part to labor for him on his
farm until the Crop is Made and gathered and
then such other work as may be necessary on and
about said farm until the 25th day of December
Next Commencing on the 25th day of May 1865
and to be diligent and punctual as laborers during
said time and the said party of the first part agrees
to pay to the party of the 2d part as follows, (to Wit)
Henry ten Dollars Agnes five Dollars Edward twenty
Dollars and John five Dollars together with Necessary
food and Clothing House room fuel and if Necessary
Medical attention in witness whereof the parties to
these presents have hereunto set their hands and seal
the day and year first above written
Test A H Blasingame Edward + Henry + his mark
S D Clark 340 John + Agnes + her "

J. A. Bass

State of Ala } J A Bass
Coffee County } May 25th 1865— An agreement
is hereby entered into between J A Bass on the one part
and Ras a Col'd Man of the other part— I J A Bass
do hereby agree to furnish said Col'd Man and
his family Consisting of one daughter 18 years old one son
15 months and Wife with subsistence Clothing shoes
and Medical attention and to give said Man
one tenth of my Corn Crop and one bow for
their services from the above date until the
25th day of Decr 1865
Test Henry his + mark J. A. Bass
Asa H. Parker 341 Ras his + mark

NARA1082

James F. Martin

State of Ala } This Agreement entered into between James
Macon County } F. Martin of the one part and the following
Named Negroes of the second part Namely Simon Abraham
Thomas Mariah (with six Children) Winnie with 3 Children
Amanda with one Child Absolum and Milly unfit for
Labor by reason of age — Witnesseth That the
said Negroes above Named agree on their part to work
on the farm of said Jas F. Martin according to the
Common Customs subject to the Control of the said
Jas F. Martin until 1st Jany Next

The said James F. Martin agrees on his part to
give the said Negroes above Named for their services
faithfully rendered in addition to subsistence Quarters
fuel and Clothing and Medical Attention in Sickness one
tenth of the growing Crop on the place Consisting
of Corn Peas Potatoes and Sorghum in witness whereof
we have hereunto signed our Names and made our
Marks all this on the 18th day of June 1865

Witnesseth — Maria + her mark — James F. Martin
J. J. Lovelace — Winnet + " " — Simon + his mark
Amanda + " " — Abraham + " "
Thomas + " "

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J. R. Rogers

This Agreement made this 18th day of June 1865
Witnesseth that J R. Rogers of the 1st part agrees to
pay Richard a Negro Man formerly belonging to
him three Gallons of Wine of the present years Vintage
pr Month from first of June Inst and furnish
Shelter food Clothing and Medical attendance
as heretofore — Richard on his part agrees to
labor as heretofore on the premises of the said
J R Rogers — In witness whereof we have this
day set hereunto our hands and marks

June 18th 1865 — J R Rogers
J H W Lane

34 — Richard + his mark

John Allums

State of Ala } This Agreement entered into this day
Macon County } between John Allums of said County of
the one part and Baily Jef Armstead Arthur Bill Henry
George Washington Tom Dan Brad Abe Isaac Tom Billy
Kit Hlem Richard Cain Mary Molly Violet Ann Amy Emily Cinthy
Tilda Harry Louisa Martha of the other part witnesseth that
for and in Consideration of one tenth of the fields Crops to wit
Corn Wheat oats fodder peas potatoes rye and rice and
Sorgham Syrup to be delivered on or before the 25th Dec
next the said above hands promise and agree to Labor
on the plantation of the said Allums until the 25th
December next under the same rule and regulations
as they have hitherto done and the said Allums further
obligates himself to furnish food Clothes and to pay
for their Medical attendance — John Allums

Witness R. S. D. Belser — Cain + — Mack + — George + — Baily +
Stephen Reed — Mary + — Tom + — Washington + — Jef +
D. J. Smith — Molly + — Billy + — Jom + — Armstead +
June 18th 1865 — Violett + — Kit + — Dan + — Arthur +
Ann + — Hlem + — Brad + — Bill +
Amy + — Richard + — Abe + — Henry +
Emily + — Cynthia + — Isaac + — Harry +
Louisa + — Martha +

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The within agreement is entered into on my part in
accordance with an order issued by Conway superin-
dent of Freedmen Bureau at Montgomery Ala the
25th day of May 1865 — Signed by me under Protest
John Allums

J. G. W. Mallett

State of Ala } Article of Agreement entered into between
Macon Cty } J G W Mallett of the one part and Peter
Mallett of the other part the party of the 1st part do agree to
take charge of said Peter and get all the work for him
that I can for which Peter is to pay him one half of the
wages he may get Peter is to work faithfully and report
as he always have done heretofore — J G W Mallett
Witness Ed W Toney — Peter his + mark

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J B Rogers

This agreement Made this 15th day of June 1865
between J B Rogers of the County of Macon & State of Ala of the first part, and Jeffrey & Mary Ann his wife, and Charles Jeffreys Son, former slaves of of the said J B Rogers, of the second part. Witnesseth that the said J B Rogers in consideration of the covenants of the parties of the second part, hereinafter contained doth covenant and agree with the said Jeffrey and Mary Ann his wife & Charles Jeffreys Son to furnish them with plain food clothing & Medicall attention until the 25th day of December next, as heretofore. Jeffrey, Mary Ann his wife & Charles his Son in consideration of the covenants on the part of the party of the first part, doth covenant & agree to & with the said J B Rogers that they will not leave his plantation before the 25th day of December next without permission, and that they will perform any kind of labor faithfully, that may be required of them by the said party of the first part. In witness whereof we have this day set hereunto our hand & mark.

June 15th 1865

Witness I H McLane — J. B. Rogers. / Jeffrey + mark / Mary Ann + " / Charles + "

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Mrs A Patterson

I Mary do agree and bind Myself to labor and work diligently & faithfully on the farm of my former owner A Patterson for My food Clothes Shelter and Medical attendance from the 26 May 1865 to the 1st January 1866

Mary + her Mark

I agree and bind Myself to furnish above named Mary her food Clothing Shelter and Medical attention for the time therein specified 23 June 1865

A Patterson

Test S Shackelford

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Planter & Attorne

State of Ala / Pike County } This agreement entered into between J P Martin of the

L J Williams

State of Ala } Pike County } This Contract Made the 12th day of June 1865 Between L J Williams of the one part and the following named Freamen of the other part witnisseth that the said L J Williams of the one part agrees to employ the following named freamen Bill 45 Years old Buck 13 years old the said L J Williams agrees on his part to furnish said named freamen food Clothing Medical attention homes full and in addition a portion of his present growing Crop of Corn said portion is situated in South west part of his farm and further agrees to Comply with the regulations issued at Montgomery Ala on the 26th day of May 1865 by the government of Freamen labouring in ala the above named freaman in Consideration of the part furnished by L J Williams until the 1st day of January 1866 and the parties agried to Comply with the regulations for governing freamen of Ala in witness whereof we have subscribed our Names in the presence of

L J Williams
Bill + his Mark
Buck X " "

Philip Pritchet
B E Branwell

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Simeon Cooper

State of Ala } Pike County } Article of agreement this date, entered into between Simeon Cooper and Bet Sarah and Laverna by which the party of the first agrees to furnish Cloth provision fuel Shelter and Medicare attendance when necessary and pay at the expiration of this year as follows to wit to Sarah 10 Burkels Corn to Laverna 10 Burkels Corn and to Bet Nothing as above to wit food clothing &c. The party of the 2d part to labor faithfully on the farm and otherwise untill the 1st January 1866

Witnes
P H Youngblood
Samuel Cooper

Simeon Cooper
Bet +
Sarah +
Laverna +

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NARA1084

B E Braswell

State of Ala } This Contract Maan this 12th day of June
Pike County } 1865 between B E Braswell of the one
part and the following named Freamen and Childarn
of the other part witniseth the said B E Braswell of
the one part agrees to employ the following named
Freamen Clarisa Rachal Dick the said B E Braswell
agrees on his part to furnish the said named Freaman
food Clothing houses Medical attention and fuel and in
addition 20 Bushels of Corn to be paid when I gather my
Crop and further agrees to Comply with the regulation
issued at Montgomery Ala on the 26th day of May 1865
by the Government of Freaman laboring in Ala
the above named freamen in Concideration of
the part furnished by B E Braswell agrees to labor
for the said B E Braswell until the 1st of Jany
1866 and further agrees to Comply with the
labor regulations for governing freamen of Ala
in witnes where of we have subscribed our names
in the presence of

B E Braswell
Clarisa + her Mark
Rachael + " "
Dick + his "

Test L J Williams
Philip Pritchett

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Mary H Braswell

State of Ala } Statement of a Contract entered into by Mary H
Pike County } Braswell and the following named Colered persons, form-
-ally slaves of James E D Braswell) Daniel Anthony
Man Cinthia Rina and Kelly woman and the Childarn
of the women Kelly and Cinthia The said Mary H
Braswell agrees to give to the above named persons, in con-
-sideration of their labor from this day till the first day
of January 1866 the Eighth part of the present growing
Crop of Corn fodder and peas which part is to be equally
divided between the 5 Men and Women above named
she furthermore agrees to furnish the Whole number with
food and Clothing Medicine attendance quarters & fuel
from the 12th 1865

Mary H Braswell
Daniel +
Anthony +

Test R J Simpson
E Brasier

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Rina +
Kelly +
Cinthe +

John Henderson

State of Ala } Articles of agreement entered into Between
Macon County } John Henderson on the one part and the following
Named laborers on the other Sobe Jack Bill & Willis
Fennels Harriet Nancy Chaney Amanda Rodn Eliza
Amy — In Conformity to an order issued from the Quarter
Freedmens Bureau Montgomery Ala, I have entered into
a Contract with the above Named Laborers to Work upon
My Plantation upon the following Conditions, I find food
Clothing houses Medical attention fuel and (⅕) one fifth
of the Corn Fodder Wheat peas & Potatoes & Syrup of the
following growing Crop, said laborer to work ten hours pr
day Except the afternoon of Saturday and all of sunday
Test E W Jeny

John Henderson

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We Certify that the above Contract was Made in our
presence and the Laborers expressed themselves
satisfied

Sobe his + Henderson
mark

W. A. Weldon

State of Ala } Articles of agreement between W A Weldon
Pike County } of the State & County aforesaid of the first part and
the freaman upon the premises of said W A Weldon of the
second part to Wit Jasper a Man (31 years old) Sam a boy
18 years old Ellen a girl 16 years old Henry a boy 14 years old
and 6 orphan Children from 10 to 5 years of age W A Weldon
of the first part will pay to the said freamen ⅛ part
of the Corn Made on the premises the present year to be
paid when gathered also provide food Clothing houses
Medical attendants and fuel for their Labor until
twenty fifth day of Dec next the said freamen of the
2d part agrees to perform their labor as herein for
said W A Weldon until the 25th day of December
1865 In witness whereof we have hereunto set our
hands and fix our seal June 7th 1865

Test
A M Collins
C B Collins

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W A Weldon (L S)
Jasper (L S)
Sam

Ruben Cope

State of Ala }
Pike County } This Agreement Made and entered into on this the 20th day of June 1865 between Ruben Cope of the above Named County and State of the first part and Peny and Jane and her Seven Children formally belonging to the said Ruben Cope of the 2d part

Witnesseth that the said Ruben Cope of the 1st part agrees on his part to find Cloth and furnish Medical attendance as he has heretofore done to the above Named Peny & Jane and her 7 Children and also to give the above Named Peny Ten Bushels of Corn and to Peny and Jane of the second part agrees on their part to work for the said Ruben Cope of the first part until the 25th day of Dec next as faithfully as they have heretofore done and also to obey his Instructions as they have heretofore done In testimony whereof we hereunto set our hands and seals above written

In presence of
W Owens
M E Cope

Ruben Cope
Peny + her mark
Jane + her mark

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N. W. Griswold

State of Ala } This Agreement Made between N W
Macon County } Griswold and his Colored Servants Names as follows Isaac his Wife and Children Thornton his Wife and 5 Children Sam Wife and one Child Snezer Three Mary and one Child and Rachael I - N W Griswold agrees to give the the above Named Servants, one half of all the growing Crop Named Corn Cotton Potatoes Syrup Peas and Fodder The above Named servants do agree to work faithfully as they have heretofore done and be obedient to their Control and attend to the Stock as they have heretofore done and stay on the place all the time unless permission to leave with a pass and return when said pass is out Said Contract to last until the first of January 1866 The within Crop

is to be divided equally between the Mothers of each family Colored

Witness
J J Ramsey }

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Sneezer + her mark — N W Griswold
Rachael + " " — Isaac + his mark
Mary + " " — Thornton + " "
Sam + " "

A. T. Gracy

State of Ala } June 23rd 1865
Macon County } Article of Agreement entered into this day between A. T. Gracy and the following named persons Henry Abe Brown Charles Ned Gin Sonny Gill Cal Anne Elvira Nancy Easy Rose Rachael Gill Lidy Francis Bucky Mancy — and the party of the 1st part agrees to find Cloth Shelter and provision Medical Attendance when necessary and pay by the 1st day of January next One half of the Crop proceeds of the farm The party of the 2d part to labor faithfully as they have done heretofore

A. T. Gracy

Witness
C B Hicklin

Gill + Elvira + Gin + Henry +
Lidy + Nancy + Sony + Abe +
Francis + Easy + Gil + Brown +
Mancy + Rose + Cal + Charley +
Bucky + Rachael + Ann + Ned +

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Levi King

State of Ala } Article of Agreement between Levi King
Pike County } of the 1st part and Henry a Col person of the 2d part the said King do agree with Henry for his services from the 15th day of June 1865 to the 1st day of January 1866 — The said King agrees to pay as follows Board Clothing and Medical attention and the said Henry of the second part agrees to render good services unto the said King for the time specified In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this the 13 day of June 1865

In presence of
M S Taylor
J McRowen

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Levi King
Henry

NARA1086

John M. O'Brien

State of Ala } This indenture Made this the 9th day of
Pike County } June 1865 between John M. O'Brien of the 1st part
and the following Named freedmen of the second
part — Witnesseth, that the said J M O'Brien of the
first part agrees to employ the following Named freedmen
Viz Joseph and Joe

The Said J M O'Brien agrees to furnish the said Named
freedmen and Children Good Clothing food and Medical
attention and in addition one half of the present
growing Crop of Corn and peas on plantation of
said J M O'Brien and he further agrees to Comply with
the regulations issued at Montgomery Ala on the 21st
May 1865 for the government of freedmen labor in
Ala — The above Named freedmen in Consideration
of the part furnished by J. M. O'Brien do agree to labor for
the said J. M. O'Brien until the 1st day of January 1866
and further agree to Comply Strictly with the labor
regulations for the governing of free labor in Ala

In witness Whereof we have subscribed our Names
in presence of

J H Bean — John M O'Brien
John Jemany — Joseph + his mark
Joe + " "
Daniel + " "

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S. G. Wilson

State of Ala } Know all Men by these presents that I S G Wilson
Pike County } of the 1st part and My former Negroes and My Sisters
and hired Negroes of the second part have this day bargained
with each other to wit that the party of the first part is to
furnish food Clothing Medical attention & Quarters as I have
done heretofore the Negroes are to obey all orders emenating
from the said Wilson Among Year 1865 June 23d 1865

Witness — S. G. Wilson
A G Wilson — Robert + his mark
C G Anderson — George + " "

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Malachi Frey

State of Ala } Know all Men by these presents that in obedience
Pike County } to the instructions issued from Freedmens Bureau
May 25th 1865 for the state of Alabama for the regulation
of Labor under Contracts between Slaves and their former
Owners, I Malachi Frey of said State and County do
hereby agree and Contract with My former Slaves, by
Name as follows in the Body of this writing with Compensa-
tion annexed and specified I the said Malachi Frey
for Myself My heirs executors and administrators do
Covenant and agree to pay by the
25th day of Dec 1865 to

Nelson for his family 40 Bushels Corn 100 lbs Meat and
10 Galls Syrup To William for his family 40 Bushels Corn
100 lbs Meat and 10 Galls Syrup To Louisa for her family
8 Bushels Corn 15 lbs Meat and 2 Galls Syrup

To Robert for his family	20	Bus of Corn	30	lbs	Meat and	5	Galls	Syrup
" Charlie " " "	20	" " "	30	"	" "	5	"	"
" Jeff " " "	20	" " "	30	"	" "	5	"	"
" Harrison " " "	15	" " "	35	"	" "	3	"	"
" David " " "	20	" " "	30	"	" "	5	"	"
" Willis " " "	20	" " "	50	"	" "	5	"	"
" Bob " " "	30	" " "	75	"	" "	7	"	"
" Sundown " " "	45	" " "	115	"	" "	12	"	"
" George " " "	20	" " "	50	"	" "	5	"	"
" Ruben " " "	20	" " "	50	"	" "	5	"	"
" Sheli " " "	20	" " "	50	"	" "	5	"	"
" Peter " " "	40	" " "	100	"	" "	10	"	"
" Wyatt " " "	20	" " "	50	"	" "	5	"	"
" Henry " " "	20	" " "	50	"	" "	5	"	"
" Ann " " "	15	" " "	35	"	" "	3	"	"
" Abram " " "	20	" " "	50	"	" "	5	"	"
" Sydney " " "	20	" " "	50	"	" "	5	"	"
" Edmond " " "	20	" " "	50	"	" "	5	"	"

In addition to the Compensation annexed to the
Names as above I further agree to furnish them
and their families with food Clothing Medical
attendance House Rent and fuel To Lydia and
her family George and Richard do men

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I agree to furnish their food Clothing & Medical attendance Keep Rent and fuel alone — The party of the 2d part whose Names are herein above mentioned do Covenant and agree to render a prompt and Cheerful obedience; honest and faithful labor to & for the party of the 1st part in that way and Manner, that he shall prescribe, by unreservedly respecting his person and obeying the orders and directions of himself and his wife and all orders and directions emanating from them

What in all respects they will perform their duties as they have been accustomed to do in the family — The party of the first part reserves to himself all the rights Guaranteed to him in the orders above Mentioned regulating freedmens labor" This Contract shall be in full force and effect until the 25th day of December 1865

Executed this 17th day of June 1865 in the presence of the Subscribing Witnesses

Malachia Gray

Jesse Goose	Abner +	Bob +	Nelson +
M B Hardin	Edmond +	Lambert +	Williams +
	Aggy +	Georg +	Louisa +
	Richard +	Reuben +	Robert +
	Sydney +	Sheldon +	Charles +
	Linda +	Peter +	Jeff +
		Wyatt +	Harrison +
		Henry +	Daniel +
		George	Willis +

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J M Linton

State of Ala } Article of agreement entered into between
Macon Cty } J M Linton of the first part and the following named freedmen to wit Vina Elbert Agnes & Denise doth agree to stay with the said Linton as they have done before for their food Clothing and Medical Bill until the 1st January 1866

Witness
J B Sanford
J M Gray

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J M Linton
Vina +
Elbert +
Agnis + & child

J. M. O'Brien

State of Ala } This indenture Made the 13th day of June 1865 between
Pike County } J M O'Brien of the first part and the following named freedmen of the 2d part, Witnesseth that the said J M O'Brien of the 1st part agrees to employ the following named freedman viz Daniel The said J M O'Brien agrees to furnish said named freedman food Clothing fuel and Medical attention and in addition for Suits of Cloth he further agrees to Comply with the regulations issued at Montgomery on the 26th day of May 1865 for the government of freedmen laboring in Ala The above named freedman in Consideration of the provisions furnished by J M O'Brien does agree to labor for the said J M O'Brien until the 1st day of January 1866 and further agrees to Comply strictly with the labor regulations for the governing of free labor in Ala

In witness whereof we have subscribed our Names in presence of

John Germany
J F Bean

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J M O'Brien
Daniel + his mark

J M O'Brien

State of Ala } This indenture Made the 13th day of June 1865 between
Pike County } J M O'Brien of the first part, and the following named freedmen of the 2d part, Witnesseth that the said J M O'Brien of the first part agrees to employ the following named freedmen Viz Harriett & Children Cinda & Priscilla The said J M O'Brien agrees to furnish the said Harriett and Children food Clothing fuel and Medical Attendance and he further agrees to Comply with the regulations issued at Montgomery Ala on the 26th day of May 1865 for the Govmt of freedmen Laboring in Ala

The above named freedmen in Consideration of the provisions furnished by J M O'Brien do agree to Labor for the said J M O'Brien until the 1st day of January 1866 and further agree to Comply Strictly with the Labor regulations for the governing of free labor in Ala — In witness whereof we have subscribed our names in presence of

John Germany
J F Bean

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J M O'Brien
Priscilla X her mark Harriett + her mark
Cinda + " "

NARA1088

James H Fielder

State of Ala } Articles of an Agreement between James
Pike County } H Fielder of the one part and the under
signed freedmen the former party of said Fielder of the
other part Witnesseth that I James H Fielder has This
day bargained with and employed the following named
freedmen to work on a farm the remainder of this year
and in Consideration there of do bind my self to furnish
them food & Clothing such as they have usually had and
pay their Doctors Bill of said freedmen and also the
usual amounts except to cash Rum in Meals or
provisions at a full and fair price at the option of
said Fielder by the 1st day of January 1866

Now in Consideration of the above obligations we
the following named freedmen do bind ourselves to per-
form good and faithful labor such as we have usually
done upon said Plantation and in case of failure to perform
such wages and to discount for all lost time from such
ejt or otherwise Emanuel 27 years Mary his Wife 25 years
Six Dollars pr Month Sharper 19 years 5 $ pr Month Miller
14 years 3 $ pr Month Anderson 13 years, 2 $ pr Month
Mike 40 years Cripple from Pains and Sawyer his wife
35 years old and three four Children to wit John Laws
Eve and both Eve 25 years and Child Lucy Sarah 30
years old Laura 16 years Sally 13 years Minnerva 13
years old Jesse 8 years old for and in Consideration
of their food Clothing and Medical Bills this the
9th of June 1865 in presence of

J H Rainer }
John Bradberry }

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James H Fielder
Emanuel X his Mary +
Sharper +
Miller +
Anderson +
Mike + Sawyer +
Eve + Child
Sarah +
Laura +
Sally +
Minerva +

Jesse +

Philip Pritchet

State of Ala } This Contract made the 12th day of June
Pike County } 1865 Between Philip Pritchett of the one
part and the following named freedmen of the other
part Witnesseth that the said Philip Pritchett of the one part
agrees to employ the following named freedmen and Children
Prince 23 years old Lucy 20 years old Robert 45 years
Eliza 35 years old with 5 Children all under 12 years old
and Rody 34 years old the said Philip Pritchett agrees
on his part to furnish food Clothing Shelter Medical
attention and fuel and in addition one seventh
of Any present Growing Crop of Corn Potatoes
and Peas and further agrees to Comply with
the Regulations issued at Montgomery Ala on the
26th May 1865 by the government of freedmen
Labouring in Ala the above named freedmen
in Consideration of the past furnished by Philip
Pritchett until the 1st January 1866 and further
agrees to Comply with the regulations for freed-
men of Ala as witness our hands we have hereto
ordered our Names in the presence of

I J Williams 490
B B Brassell

Robert + Philip Pritchett
Eliza + Prince his Mark
Rody + George + his Mark

B. W. Underwood

An Agreement entered into this day between B W Underwood and
Nancy a Colored woman formally owned by Mrs Hester Rayford in
which the said Nancy agrees to labor as a faithful hand on the
plantation of the said B W Underwood under the following
terms Viz, The said B W Underwood shall furnish the said Nancy
Comfortable Clothing quarters food and Medical attention
when Necessary which Contract shall remain in full force
during the present year

Signed in the presence of

Robert Butler

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B W Underwood
Nancy her + mark Rayford

NARA1089

G A Ferrell

State of Ala } Jan 19th 1865
Russell County } This Agreement entered into between G A Ferrell of the State of Alabama and County of Russell and the one part and the Negroes formerly the property of the said G A Ferrell of said State and County on the other part Witnesseth That the said G A Ferrell does promise covenant and agree to furnish said Negroes their food Clothes Medical attendance & full and to allow them one half of every Saturday when this can be done without detriment to the important interest of the farm and furthermore to secure to them the Crop of Corn Rice Sugar Cane & which have always been given to and are now being Cultivated for them on their part the said Negroes do promise covenant and agree to render good and faithful services and to respectfully perform all the lawful duties required of them by their employers and for a failure on their part to discharge these duties required do agree to forfeit all interest in the Crops above specified.
This agreement to take effect from this date (Jan 19th 1865) and to be in force from until the 25th day of Dec 1865

G A Ferrell

Witness		Anderson	10	Barbara	14	Thomas	45
J M Woodyard		William	30	Andrew	13	Peter	45
Anders on his mark	Miley	Janet	35	Thomas	10	Solomon	20
		Hettie	15	Martha	37	Celia	16
		Frank	13	Emily	12	Lavania	Ann Jr 14
						Casey	60

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N. B. The age of each laborer is placed upon their names besides the Negroes whose names are here recorded there are some twenty others very small and entirely incapable to earn their bread

G A Ferrell

P H. Youngblood

State of Ala } Articles of agreement entered into this
Pike County } day between P H Youngblood and Jack Dawson Prince Dick Tom Frank John George Bob Moriah Hulda Mourning Amanda Mary Patsy Nimy Jane Mimy Tom K Rose Casey Charles Nance Golden Sally Bob Hannah Harriet Martha Diana Mary and Ann

By which the party of the 1st agrees to furnish Cloth proper food shelter and Medical attendance when necessary and pay at the expiration of the time of serving one half of the Corn Potatoes Fodder and Sorghum according to service rendered the party of the 2d to labour faithfully on the farm and others as mentioned Dec 25th 1865 June 15th 1865

In presence of	Tom	+	Mimy	+	P H Youngblood		
H H Dawson	Hulda	+	Amanda	+	Frank	+	Jack +
Simeon Cooper	Casey	+	Mary	+	Bob	+	Dave +
	Charly	+	Patsy	+	Tom	+	Joe +
	Harriet	+	Nimy	+	Bob Jr	+	Prince +
	Jane	+	Jane	+	Harriet	+	Dick +
	Sally	+	Mimy	+	Harley	+	Tom Jr +
			Rose	+	Hannah	+	Bob Jr +
					Hartt	+	Chany +
					Martha		Mary +

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C J Ziglar

State of Ala } an agreement entered into between
Pike County } C J Ziglar and Mary and her three children C J Ziglar promises to find Cloth Shelter and provide Medical attendance when necessary until the 1st day of January next to

Jany 23rd 1865

C J Ziglar

Test E N Toney

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M J Bean

State of Ala } This indenture made this 6th day of
Pike County } Jan 1865 Between M J Bean of the
first part and the following named freedmen of the
second part witnesseth that the said M J Bean
of the first part agrees to employ the following named
freedmen Robert Fanny Simon Army Ofy Elliott
Caroline William Becky Ned Milly Flemin Charles
David Ben Aggy Sam Marthy &c

The said M J Bean agrees to furnish the
said named freedmen and Children food
clothing Houses fuel and Medical attention and
in addition one tenth of the present Crop of
Corn and fodder on plantation of said
M J Bean and further agrees to Comply with
the regulation issued at Montgomery Ala on the
26th day May 1865 for the government of freedmen Labor
ing in Alabama the above named freedmen
in Consideration of the foot provided by M J
Bean do agree to labor for the said M J Bean
until the 1st day of January 1866 and further
agree to Comply Statistically with the Labor
regulations for goomey freedman in Ala
Robert Fanny Simon Army Ofy Elliott
Caroline William Ofby Ned Flemin Charles
David Ben Aggy Marthy and Sam

In witnes whereof we have subscribed
our names in presence of

L P Bean
J F Bean

M J. Bean

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G. T. Oglesby

Mr G T. Oglesby has permission to retain in his employ
as long as they work faithfully the following Named
Colored persons Alick Gloster Dave Reborn Stratton
Head quarters Post
Union Springs Ala
June 13th 1865

By order of Lieut Col Jas Stockton
Comdy Post

George A Heafford
Lieut and Post adjt

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Mr Sam Sessions

This agreement entered into between Sam Sessions and
the following named servants Chester John Sam
Morgan Jol Elige Meander Susan Nancy Harriett
Jenny Polly George Caroline Hannah Margaret,

Witnesseth That the above named servants have
agreed to remain on said Sessions farm and work
work as they have done heretofore under the direction
and control of Sessions or any person he may
employ to superintend the same, and that they
further agree to have no Quarrelling or ill feeling
short of forfeiting their wages and agree to perform
the various Business in attending to stock &c—

The said Sessions agrees upon his part to furnish
Cabins Rations Clothing and Medical Service as heretofore
and to Cultivate this Crop which they have planted and
give them one tenth of all the Corn raised on the place
for their services and allow Saturday afternoon
except when the interest of the farm requires them to
labor In witnes Whereof we have Signed our
Names and Made our Mark

Witnes
G J Pierce
J M Grider

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Caroline +
Eliga +
Harriett +
Hannah +
Margarett +
Nancy +
Polly +
Jenny +

Sam Sessions
Chester +
John +
Sam +
Morgan +
Jol +
Meranda +
Susan +
George +

Mrs A Patterson

I Squire do agree to Labor and work duligently & faithfully
on the farm of Mrs A Patterson for fifteen Bushels Corn & thirty
pounds of pork for in consideration of my food Clothes Shelter
and Medical attention from May the 26th 1865 to Janry 1st 1866

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Squire +

I agree and bind my self to pay the above named Squire 15 Bushels Corn
& 30 lbs pork and furnish him food Clothing fuel Shelter and Medical attention for the term
above mentioned June 23d 1865—

Test P J Patterson

A Patterson
Squire +

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William Gillmore

State of Ala } This indenture Made this 15th day of Jun
Pike County } 1865 between William Gilmore of the first part
and the following named freedmen viz Sylva and
one Child Hannah Rachael and six Children
Lela and three Children William Lucy and one Child
and George of the second part witnesseth that the
said Wm Gilmore agree to employ the above
Named freedmen to labor for him the present year
and to furnish them with food Clothing Houses
fuel and Medical attention and he further agrees
to Comply with the regulations issued at Montgomery
on the 26th day of May 1865 for the government of
freedmen laboring in Ala and the above Named
freedmen in Consideration of the part furnished
by the said Wm Gilmore do agree to labor for
the said Wm Gilmore till the 1st day of Janry
1866 and further agree to Comply strictly with
the Labor regulations for the government of free
Labor in Ala In Witness Whereof we have subscribed
our Names in presence of

B H Horne
J H McPerry

William Gilmore
Silvia + and family
Hannah +
Rachal + "
Lela + family
William + family
George + "

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John B Coleman

State of Ala } This agreement entered into between
Macon County } Dr John B Coleman and Nat a freedman
said Coleman is to find Shelter and pay his
Medical Bill and give him one pair of shoes
and he is to live with him and do good work for
one Month June 24th 1865

Test
E H Toney

J B Coleman
Nat × his mark

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J F Bean

State of Ala } This indenture Made 6th day of Jun
Pike County } 1865 between J F Bean of the 1st part
and the following Named freedmen of the second part
Witnesseth that the said J F Bean of the first part
agrees to employ the following named freedmen Bob
Mear and four Children and Baby Melissa and 2 Children
The said J F Bean agrees to furnish said Named
freedmen and Children food Clothing Houses fuel and
Medical Attention and in addition one twelfth
of the present growing Crop of Corn and fodder on
plantations of said J F Bean and further agrees
to Comply with the regulations issued at Montgomery
on the 26th day of May 1865 for the government
of freedmen laboring in Ala — the above Named
freedmen in Consideration of the part furnished by
J F Bean do agree to labor for the said J F Bean
until the 1st day of January 1866 and further agree
to Comply strictly with the Labor regulations for Labor
in Ala On Witness Whereof we have subscribed our
Names a presence of

Witness
John Tenney
W L Gilmore

J F Bean
Bob + his Mark
Mear + " "
Baby + " "
Melissa + " "

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B W Underwood

An Agreement entered into this day between B W Underwood
and William a Colored Man formerly owned by Dr Benjamin Bell
in which the said William agrees to labor as a hand on the plant
ation of the said B W Underwood upon the following terms Viz
The said B W Underwood shall furnish to the said William
Comfortable Clothing and food and when necessary Med
ical attention free of Charge which contract shall remain
in force for a during the Year

Witness
John Wynn
O J Anglin

June 17th 1865

B W Underwood
William + Bell
his mark

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Eli A Ford

State of Ala } This Agreement Made and entered into
Pike County } between Eli A Ford of the County and state
of the one part and Lewis Henry Nelson Charles Moriah
Harriett Louiza Adaline Rose Milly Margarett Lind Francis
Lila Richard Rose and John of the second part Witnesseth
the party of the second part agrees, to remain on the premises
of the said Ford and work during the year 1865 faithfully and
every thing in their power to protect the interest of the said
E A Ford and work under the direction of A. C. Watson or the
said E A Ford. that they or either of them will not leave said
premises unless leave from the said E A Ford or A C Watson
They further agree that they will alternate in such a
way that one Male and one female will remain on
said premises on each Sunday for the purpose of attending
to watering and feeding the stock sending for the Doctor
or to do any Necessity that is required or they will do all
repairs about the premises or houses that may be neces-
-ary the party of the 1st part for in and in consideration of
the faithful performance or Compliance with the above
obligations agrees to pay to the party of the 2d part one
tenth part of the following growing Crop to wit Corn Peas
Rice and Cotton also to feed and Cloth them as he has
done heretofore pay the Doctors Bills and give his
attention when either or any of them may be sick
give them Town room and find the party of the 1st part
agrees to see that No person shall uptrow upon them
given under my hands this 23d day of Jan 1865.

Eli A Ford

Signed in the above under protest

Lila +

Lewis +
Henry +
Nelson +
Charles +
Moriah +
Harriett +
Rose +
Milly +
Louisa +
Margarett +

Test
J Blasson
A C Watson

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David A McCall

State of Ala } Memorandum of Contract and agreement
Pike County } Made and entered into on the 3d day of June
1865 by and between David A McCall and the following named
laborers. Witnesseth — That Hampton aged about 50 a Mechanic
bargains and agrees to work in the Shop East as he has been in the
habit of doing heretofore and his wife Rose about 40 years
old agrees to cook Wash Iron &c Just as she has been heretofore
and both agrees to be governed and Controlled as before until
the 1st day of January next, and for their services faithfully
rendered to said McCall he on his part agrees to put in the Shop
Materials on hand keep the accounts and give Hampton one
half of the Nett proceeds arising from his work in said Shop
and to furnish him and Rose with a House food Clothing
and Medical attendance Hampton is to compensate his Wife
Rose for her services out of his share of income from the Shop

William about 25 years old bargains and agrees to work for said McCall
in the Shop with Hampton or on the farm until the 1st January next and
for their services properly rendered, McCall agrees to pay him forty five
(45) Bushels of Corn, and furnish him house room food Clothing and
Medical attendance, and said William agrees to be governed in all
respects Just as heretofore

Sandy aged about 18 and Enoch aged about 20 each bargains
and agrees to serve said McCall Just as heretofore until 1st January
next and for their services faithfully performed said McCall binds
himself to pay each of them twenty five bushels of Corn and
fifty pounds of Pork besides finding them house room Clothing
food and Medical attendance

Emeline aged about 37 with her four Children Bill
Mary and Wesley and Reuben ranging from two to Eleven
years of age and Fanny aged about 40 with four Children
Ellick Robert Henry and Richmond — ranging from 2
to 12 years of age, and Linda about 28 and her Child
Mariah about 8 years old — and Maria about 60 years
old East to wit Emeline — Fanny — Linda and (Old)
Mariah each agree and Contract to serve said McCall
in the Capacity they have heretofore done until the 1st day
of January next and for their services said McCall binds
himself to furnish them and their Children with the same

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Hours they now occupy with Medical attendance and provisions and Clothing and fuel as he has formally done

It is further agreed that they are to Obey the orders of said McCall and his wife and that the above named Children are to be governed and Controlled in the same Manner as they have always been and if they (the women) fail or refuse render just Service and obedience said McCall is at libety to discharge them and send them off at any time and on the other hand if these women Conduct themselves properly said McCall will at January make them presents as he has before done but this is to depend entirely upon his Opinion of their good behaveors and not to be Claimed as part of this Contract unless he thinks they deserve it In testimony of the intentions of each party to Carry out this Contract in good faith each has hereunto subscribed his Name in presence of

J F Dennis

D A McCall
Hampton + McCall
Wm + McCall
Saney + Pearson
Enoch + McCall
Emeline + McCall
Fanny + McCall
Rose + McCall
Marial + Pearson
Linda + McCall

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R. G. Wright

State of Ala } Articles of Agreement Made and entered into between R G
Macon Cty } Wright of the 1st part & Francis Haines a Colored girl of the 2d part
The party of the 1st part Agrees to furnish to the party of the 2d part food Clothing
Shelter fuel & Medical attendance when necessary and pay three Dollars
pr Month for Services until the 25th of Decr Next The party of the 2d part
agrees to perform as house servant until the 25th of December
Next Paty 1st 1865

R G Wright

Witness
J. T. Fields

Frances her + Haines mark

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J F Dennis

State of Ala } Contract and Agreement Made this 23rd day of
Pike County } June 1865 between J F Dennis and the following
described Laborers Witnesseth That Robert hired about Contract to live with said Dennis and work and Manage as heretofore until 1st January Next for forty Bushels of Corn and seventy five pounds of Pork which Dennis binds himself to pay when these services are rendered Daniel Frank Jack and Harry each agree to work for said Dennis until January Next and to be Controlled as heretofore, and for these Services faithfully rendered Dennis binds himself to pay to each of them twenty five bushels Corn and fifty Pounds of Pork and in Addition agrees to furnish all four with house room Clothing rations fuel and Medical Attendance In Witness whereof each of the parties have hereunto set their Names In presence of

J F Dennis
Robert + Miles
Daniel + Rigell
Frank + Rigell
Harry + Moore
Jack + Amos

J F Dennis
Jno W Ridgill
Hamp his + McCall mark

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John C. Thompson

The following Agreement shall be binding upon the parties whose signatures are hereunto affixed to wit John Thompson agrees on his part to give to Ralph Adam Hamp Eliza Molly Nancy Fanny Emeline and Viney his former slaves for their Services to the first day of January Next one Seventh (1/7) of the growing Crop of Corn their food Clothing Medical attendance & Home and fuel and said Negroes agree on their part to work faithfully and if any of said Negroes refuse to Obey said Thompson in any reasonable order or Command said Nigro is to forfeit his wages Said Negroes to have the half of every Saturday

Union Springs 21st June 1865 Jno C Thompson

Witness
W W Edwards
W W Thompson

Nancy + Ralph +
Fanny Adam +
Emeline Hamp +
Viney Eliza +
Molly +

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Dr Samuel C Cowan

State of Ala } This agreement entered into this 15th day
Macon County } of June 1865 between S C Cowan of the
first part and Friday Moriah Green Kitty Coryaan
Louis Alish Frank Harp Abraham Caroline Samuel
Louisa Matilda Sallie Molinax of the other part Witnesseth
that for and in Consideration of one tenth of the following products
of the soil Made and gathered on the primises of the said Cowan
to wit Corn fodder peas Potatoes Rice Cotton Rye and Sorghum
to be delivered on or before the 25th of December Next
the said Friday Moriah Green Kitty Coryaan Louis Alish Frank
Harp Abraham Caroline Samuel Louisa Matilda Sallie Malinax
do promise and agree to Labor on the plantation of the said
Cowan until the 25th of Dec next under the same rules
and regulations as they have heretofore done and the said
Cowan Obligates himself to furnish them the said Negroes
food Clothing Habetation and Provisions Medical attend
ance in Case of sickness Samuel C Cowan

Witness	Molinda +	Caroline +	Louis +	Friday +
James Jackson		Samuel +	Alish +	Moriah +
W. C. Anderson		Louisa +	Frank +	Green +
June 15th /65		Matilda +	Harp +	Kitty +
		Sallie	Abraham +	Coryaan +

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The Above Agreement is entered into on my part
in accordance with an order issued by Comway
Superintendent of Freedmans Bureau at Montgomery
Ala the 25th day of May 1865 Under protest
S C Cowan

Dr John A Green

State of Ala } This agreement entered into this day
Macon County } between Dr J A Green and Joseph
Renfroe a Cold Man Dr J A Green hires Joseph from
this time until the 1st day of January 1866 he is to find
Cloth Shelter and pay his Medical Bill and pay
him five Dollars pr Month J. A. Green

Witness
E W Lowry

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Joseph + Renfroe
his
mark

J B Mason

State of Ala } The following Contract made and Concluded the
Pike County } 13th June 1865 by and Between A B Mason of
Pike County State of Alabama of the 1st part and the Laborers on
his plantation of second part in these words, The said party of
the second part Covenants and agrees to attend Closely and
strictly to all business appertaining to said plantation and
it is further agreed that should the below named laborers
refuse to perform the Labor pointed out to them by the said
party of the 1st part they are liable to be dismissed and forfeit
the wages due them previous to dismissal and it is also agreed
that the time lost by sickness or otherwise the Wages of
said Laborers shall cease during said loss of time and in
Consideration of the above the said party of the 1st part Cov-
enants and agrees to pay unto the said party of the 2d part
one tenth (10) of his Corn Crop after deducting one third
(1/3) therefrom, and to furnish them with one suit of Clothes
one pr shoes each and pay Medical Bill, The above
Contract to be in full force until the 25th day of Dec
1865 Signed under Protest Adline + J B Mason

Witness		Nea +	Nea +
N C Watson		Dennis +	Viney +
J B Mason	654	Gilbert +	Emily +
		Jefferson +	Merlissa +
			Murreat +

G B Graham

State of Ala } Article of agreement entered into between
Macon County } Duncan B Graham on the 1st part and
the following named Laborers on the 2d part Viz Powell
his wife Ellen and seven Children Gary his Wife Nancy
and four Children Be Conformely with an order issued
from Hd quarters Freedmans Bureau Montgomery Ala I have
this day entered into a Contract with the above named Laborers
and agree to give Powell and Gary 5 Bushels of Corn pr Month
each and furnish their Wives and Children with Clothing food
House Medical attendance and fuel and they are to work
and Conduct themselves faithfully as they have heretofore done
Signed in the presence of Gary + G B Graham

Will G Harris	653	Nancy +	Powell + his mark
Geo W Bonds			Ellen + " "

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Wyatt A Bonner

State of Ala } Articles of agreement entered into between
Pike County } Wyatt A Bonner of the one part and the undersigned freedmen of the other Showeth that said W A Bonner agrees to furnish the following named freedmen Viz
Hannah 50 Amanda 25 Joseph 20 Mariah 20 George 18 yrs
said Amanda has 3 Children between 3 and 7 years old
said Mariah has 2 Children between 2 and 3 years of age
with food Clothing houses fuel and Medical attendance
We the undersigned freedmen agree to perform all the
labor customary to be performed on the premises of said
W A Bonner until the first day of January next and
to conform to all the rules and regulations of the published
orders of May 26 Signed in the presence of

Jan 13th 1865
Wyatt A Bonner
W H Hubbard — Minnerva + — Hannah +
Gains Brown — George + — Amanda +
Joseph

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W M Parker

State of Ala } Jan 24th 1863 This agreement between Wm
Pike County } M Parker of the first part and Cary and family
Willis & family Jett & family Frank & family & Betty & family
of the second part also Ruben and Arty of the second part
Witnesseth and hereby agrees that the parties of the 2nd part to
will faithfully serve the party of the first part until the
1st of January 1866 and Wm M Parker of the 1st part
will furnish all Necessary food Clothing Medical attention
for said N for their faithful and obedient services to
himself and family

Witness
Seborn Boswell
G G English

Wm M Parker
Cary +
Willis +
Jett +
Frank +
Betsey +
Ruben +
Arty +

W B & J F Marshall

State of Ala } An agreement in compliance with
Macon County } an order approved by Genl Smith
Commanding this Dept — between W B & J F
Marshall with the Negroes who have formally
their Slaves we W B & J F Marshall of the one
one part and the following named Negroes of the
other part Viz Dick Dave Bob Porter Jones
Charles Columbus George Moses Lewis John Mitchell
Sarah Wasey Harriett Lucinda Ron Gus
Emily Mary Mary Nancy Nilly Ell Elim Winny
Semantha Amanda Milly Witnesseth that we
W B & J F Marshall do agree on our part
to furnish food Clothing fuel Houses and Medical
aid to the above Named Negroes and their twenty
children they on their part to cheerfully
and diligently perform all tasks allotted to
them and to yield implicit and prompt obedience
to every order we W B & J F Marshall may
see proper to give

Witness
J T Burt

W B Marshall
J F Marshall

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G Sellers

State of Ala } Articles of agreement between Jamalia
Pike County } Sellers of the one part and Delia a woman
about 16 years of age the former slaves of the said Sellers of
the other part witnesseth, that the said Delia do agree agree
to work faithfully as she has done on the said Sellers plantation
for the balance of the year 1865 to be obedient and respectful
to which the said Sellers agrees to furnish her a competency
of food and clothing pay Medical Bills furnish house fuel
& and I the said Delia do not desire to leave the protection
of the said Sellers In testimony whereof we have set
our hands and affixed our seal
Signed and acknowledged in presence of

Jacob Utley
Mary A Vickers

Jamalia Sellers
his
Delia + Sellers
mark

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W D Gillmore

State of Ala } This indenture Made the 22d day of June
Pike County } 1865 Between W D Gillmon of the first part
and the following named freamen of the 2d part
Witnesseth that the said W D Gillmon of the first part
agrees to employ the following named freamen Frank
Anderson Mariah and Matilda The said W D Gillmon
agrees to furnish the said named freamen and Children
food Clothing House fuel and Medical attention and
further agrees to Comply with the regulations issued at
Montgomery on the 26th day of May 1865 for the
Government of freamen laboring in Ala the above
named freadmen in Consideration of the part furnished
by W D Gillmon do agree to Labor for the said W D
Gillmon until the 1st day of January 1866 and
further agrees to Comply Strictly with the Labouring
Regulations for governing in Ala In witness Whereof
we have subscribed our Names in presence of

John Germany
F H Beard

W. D. Gillmon
Jack +
Anderson +
Matilda +
Mariah +

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Dr W. S. Mabson

Union Springs Jan 17th 1865

Articles of Agreament Made this day between W S Mabson
and the following named Laborers Fred Dick George Sydney
Ned Ben Margarett Lucy Julia Coby Jim Hannah Letty
the party of the first part agrees to find Cloth provide
food Shelter and Medical attention when Necessary
and in addition to give them at the expiration of the
term of Service which will be the 25th Dec next one
tenth of the growing Crops, The party of the 2d part
agrees to Labor faithfully and obey all orders given by
the party of the 1st part or his representative in witness
whereof we Sign our names

W. S. Mabson

Witness
G W Germany
E W Toney

Sydney
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Letty × Julia × Fred +
Margarett × Lucy + Dick +
Ben + Coby + George +
Ned + Hannah + Jim +

George W. Wicker

State of Ala } Contract and Agreement Made on the 5th June
Pike County } 1865 between George W Wicker and the following
Laborers witnesseth that Elliott aged about 30 Years Contracts
and agrees to remain with and serve said Wicker
the balance of the present year as he has formally
done and for his services faithfully performed
Wicker binds himself to give him what Corn and peas
that may be raised upon two acres of land on the
west side of the branch that runs through his farm
Also Cinda About 30 Years of age with her two
Children John 9 and Frank 7 years Old Contract and
agree to serve said Wicker as same as heretofore and
for their services properly done Wicker is to give them
the Crop raised on the Acre of land the present
year and to furnish them and also Elliott with house
room Clothes food fuel and Medical attention — and
it is further agreed between said Wicker and Cinda
that the Children named above are to be ruled and
Controlled in all respects by the said Wicker as before
this Contract to expire on the 1st day of Jany
1866 Witness our hands

G W Wicker
Elliott + Wicker
Cinda + Wicker
for herself and Children

Signed in presence of
J C Morrison
W M Lann

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B. W. Underwood

An Agreament entered into this day between B W Underwood and
Patsy a Col woman with three Small Children formally owned by
B W Underwood in which the said Patsy agrees to labor as a hand on
the plantation of the said B W Underwood upon the following
terms Viz: The said B W Underwood shall furnish to the said
Patsy and Children Comfortable Clothing and food and when
necessary Medical attention free of Charge which Contract
shall remain in full force during the present year

Witness
Robert + Bolton

X

B W Underwood
Patsy her + Underwood
mark

June 8th 1865

M S Ely

State of Ala } Know all Men By this presents that in obedi
Macon County } ence to instructions issued from the Freedmans
Bureau at Montgomery Ala. for the State of Ala, Regulating the
Labor of freedmen under Contracts with their former Owners,
I M S Ely of aforesaid State and County the Party of
the first part, do Covenant and agree with my former Slaves
whose Names appear in the writing as the parties of the second
part as follows — The said M. S. E. for himself his heirs
executors and administrators, agrees to pay to Charles James
Foster Henry Guilford Angeline Julia Harriett Lucy Harriett
for their labor from the date of this to the 25th day of Decr
1865. One Tenth (1/10) of the growing Crop of Corn Fodder Peas
Potatoes Sorghum and Rice raised on the plantation and
in addition to the above I further agree to furnish them Food
Clothing Medical attention House Rent and fuel

The Parties of the second part do each for himself and
herself Covenant and agree faithfully and diligently to
render their Services and Labor in consideration of the
Compensation agreed to by the party of the first part, on his
Plantation and premises, to unreservedly respect the presence
of the said M S E and his family, and to render cheerful
obedience to all orders emanating to him regulating and
directing said Labor The said M S E reserves to himself
all the rights and privileges guaranteed to him under the
Laws regulating Freedmens Labor, as above mentioned
The said Compensation of One Tenth as aforesaid to be
paid to the parties of the 2d part by the 25th day of Decr 1865
Executed in the presence of the Subscribing Witnesses this 24th
day of June 1865

A M Williams
W H Williams

Guilford +
Crawford +
B. Hamilton +

M S Ely
S Hamilton +
Angelina +
Julia +
Lucy +
Harriett +
Charles +
James +
Foster +
Henry +

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W B Satter

State of Ala } June 21st 1865 — This indenture made
Pike County } this day between W B Satter of the one part
and the following named freedmen of the other witnesseth
that the said W B Satter agrees to Employ the following
named freedmen Anthony Jack Ryley Car. Julia Caroline
Caroline Never Lelia & 2 Children Hanny & Child Lea
Harriett Austin Jenny and Caroline — The said W B Satter
agrees upon his part to furnish said named freedmen &
Children food Clothing houses Medical attention and
fuel and in addition one Sixth (6) of the Corn & fodder
growing on My plantation and further agrees to Comply
with the regulations issued at Montgomery on the 26th
of May for the government of freedmen laboring in Ala
The above named freedmen in Consideration of the past
furnished by W B Satter agrees to labor for the said W B Satter
until the 1st day of January 1866 and further agrees to Comply
with the Labor regulations for governing freedmen of Ala
In Witness Whereof we have Subscribed our Names in presence of

E P Satter

Caroline + W. B. Satter
Lelia + Cary + Anthony X
Hanny & Lee + Gaby + Jack +
Harriett + Caroline + Ryley +
Austin + Dennis + Caroline +

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Robert H. Haynes

State of Ala } Agreement between Robert H Haynes
Macon County } of first and his former faithful boy Tom
of second part we agree to carry on the Business
together — I said Robert H Haynes will give aid
and directions as I have before done to Tom and in
all cases see that he is not imposed upon when I am pro
perly informed I give to Tom his food or price of food out of pro
ceeds of his labor & at such time as I deem proper Collect or receive
& pay to him one half of Net proceeds of said Business as com
mensuration for his services for present year I Tom of second part
accept of above as pay for my labor agree to and be faithful & Obedient
as I have been and submit in all cases to my former Masters direction
& government & we agree that we should Not own accts and in case and

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Duncan M. T. Graham

State of Ala } This Contract Made and entered into this 25th of
Pike County } June 1865 1865 between Duncan M. T. Graham
of the first part and Edmond Malinda and Amey Freed persons
of the Second part All of the State and County aforesaid

D Duncan M. T. Graham of the 1st part do hereby
agree to receive into My services the said Freed persons
Edmond Malinda and Amey as laborers from this date
until the 25th of December 1865 and for their faithful perfo
rmance of all the reasonable duties required of them
Obediently rendered as they have done heretofore
I do hereby agree to furnish them with rations Clothing
Quarters and Medical Attendance Also one tenth part of the
now growing Corn Crop when gathered In Cases of
protracted Sickness there will be a proportionable deduction
for the time we the Above Named Freed persons Edmond
Malinda & Amey do hereby agree to and obligate ourselves
to enter the Services of the said D M T Graham and faithfu
lly perform all the required duties on the premises and
Strictly observe all the Just injunctions of the said
Graham And that we will not be absent without leave
from the premises at duty And it is further a part of
this Stipulation that in the event that either one or all
of the parties fail to Comply with the Stipulations
herein Set forth this obligation will be no longer binding
In witness whereof we have signed our names

in presence of
A E Ketch
Lewis T Smith

D M T Graham
Edmond +
Malinda +
Amey +

and affixed our seals and that this Contract takes effect
from this date Witness our hand and Seal
June 16th 1865

Thos A Scott
J J Perry

Robert H Haynes
Tom + his mark

Howell Pebles

State of Ala } This Agreement entered into this day between Howell Pebles
Macon County } of said County of the one part and Lasla Cicero
Randall Joe Sam Lavina Anne Milly Penlope Easter Jesse
Moses Cato Jerry Ruben Lucy Celia of the other part witnesseth
that for and in consideration of one tenth of the field crop to
wit Corn Wheat Oats Peas Sodan Potatoes rye and Sorghum Syrup
to be delivered on or before the 25th day of December Next, the said
so called freedmen promise and agree to labor on the plantation
of the said Pebles until the 25th December Next under the same
rules & regulations as they have heretofore done and the said
Pebles further obligates himself to furnish food & Clothes
and to pay for their Medical attendance

Signed this the 16th day of June 1865 Howell Pebles

In presence of
James Jackson
Stephen J Reid
John Allums

Lucy +	Jesse +	Lavina +	Lasla +
Celia +	Moses +	Anne +	Cicero +
	Cato +	Milly +	Randal +
	Jerry +	Penlope +	Joe +
	Ruben +	Easter +	Sam +

The within agreement is entered into in accordance with an order
issued by — Conway superintendent of Freedmens Bureau at
Montgomery Ala May 25th 1865 under protest by me

Howell Pebles

James I Braswell

State of Ala } Article of Agreement entered into this day
Pike County } June 16th 1865 between James Braswell
and his Negroes in obedience to an order of General
Smith of Montgomery Ala, the said James Braswell agrees
to furnish the following named Negroes Food Clothing
Houses fuel and Medical attendance from the present
time until the 25th day of December Next Viz Charles 14
Peggy 20 years old after Leaving the above agreement need
we make our marks willingly to the above Contract signed in
the presence of
A K Thomas

James Braswell
Charles his + Braswell
mark
Peggy + Braswell

James Jackson

State of Ala } This agreement entered into this day between
Macon County } James Jackson of said County of the one part
Eby Minny Bryant Lydia Ann Humphreys David Fanny
Rachel Amos and Jack of the other part witnesseth that
for and in Consideration of one tenth of the said Crop
to wit Corn fodder Wheat rye rice Potatoes Sorghum Sugar Cane
Cotton Ground Peas to be delivered on or before the 25th day
December next the said Eby Minny Bryant Lydiann
Humphrey David Fanny Rachel Amos and Jack promise
and agree to labor on the plantation of the said Jackson
to the 25th December next under the same rules and
regulations as they have hitherto done and the said
Jackson further obligates to furnish them with food
Clothing and pay for Medical attendance on them
Signed this 18th June 1865

James Jackson

in presence of

R. D. S. Bell — Amos + — Humphry + — Eby +
Stephen D Reid — Jack + — David + — Minny +
Howell Pebbles — Fanny + — Bryant +
Rachel + — Lydia +

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The above agreement is entered into on my part in accordance with an order issued by Conway Superintendent of Freedmans Bureau at Montgomery Ala the 25th day of May 1865 under protest

James Jackson

B W Underwood

Union Springs June 22nd 1865

An agreement entered into this day between B W Underwood and Isabella a Colored woman formerly owned by John Martin in which the said Isabella agrees to labor as a field hand on the plantation of said B W Underwood upon the following terms Viz The said B W Underwood shall furnish the said Isabella Comfortable Clothing quarters food & Medical attention when necessary which Contract shall remain in full force during the present year signed in presence of

B W Underwood
Isabella her + mark Martin

Robert Bottler

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Amanda E McCrary

State of Ala } Article of Agreement between Amanda
Pike County } E McCrary of the State and County aforesaid
of the 1st part and the freedmen upon her premises of
the other part to wit, Nea 60 Old Patience 50 Seven 20
Lucretia 18 Betty 17 Harriett 8 years Old

The party of the first part will pay to the said
Freedmen one Eighth (⅛) part of the Corn and Cotton Made
upon the premises the present Year to be paid when gathered
Also to furnish them food Clothing House Medical attendance
and fuel for their Labor until the 25th day of December
Next The said Freedmen of the 2d part agree to Labor for
the said A E McCrary as heretofore until the 25th day
of Dec Next for the Compensation above mentioned

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and
Seals this the 7th day of June 1865

Amanda E McCrary

Witness
C B Collins — Lucresia + — Nea +
W J H McCrary — Letty + — Patience +
Harriett + — Seven +

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Luke F. Smith

State of Ala } Articles of Agreement made on this 23d day
Pike County } of June 1865 between Luke F Smith Sr of the
County and State aforesaid of the 1st part and Sandy
a person of Color of second part Witnesseth that
the said Luke F Smith Sr party of the 1st part
do hereby agree and bind himself by these presents
to return in his employment upon his farm as a
laborer the party aforesaid of the second part that he
will furnish him a house food Clothing fuel Medicine
and Medical attention from this date to the 1st day
of January 1866 In consideration whereof the aforesaid
Sandy do Obligate and bind himself to remain in the empl
oyment of the aforesaid Luke F Smith till the 1st of Janry
Next and faithfully discharge his duties and render dutiful
and respect to the aforesaid L F Smith and wife In all of
which the party aforesaid bind themselves in the presence of

H B Thompson
L F Smith Sr

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Luke F Smith Sr
Sandy + his mark

NARA 1101

Mrs Eliza L Paulk

State of Ala } Union Springs Ala June 19th 1865
Macon Cty } Agreement entered into this day between Mrs E L Paulk of the 1st part and Certain Colored Laborers of the 2d part, E L Paulk of the 1st part agrees to find Cloth provide fuel pay Doctors Bill and in addition to give them one tenth of the growing Crop for their services for the present year ending the 25th of Dec next

The party of the 2d part agrees to labor faithfully for the said E L Paulk and to obey all orders given by her or her representatives in witness hereto we sign our names

Witness
W F Watson
John Beasley

Dick +
Harriet + Marion + Martha +
Georgeann + Samira + Narcis +
Dicy + Alcy + William + Lucy +
Viney + Frances + Armistead +

E L Paulk

Charles D Hooks

State of Ala } June 23d 1865
Macon County } Articles of Agreement entered into between C D Hooks and the following named hands — Charles Wife and 6 Children Willis Wife & 1 Child Amanda and five Children Bob

C D Hooks do promise to give one eighth (1/8) of the present growing Crop of Corn fodder peas Potatoes sorghum and also promise to find Cloth Shoes and give Medical attention when necessary to the above named hands for which they promise to do good and faithful service and to obey my orders as heretofore when failing to do this I C D Hooks am at liberty to turn them off from the farm and they will forfeit their wages

Test
W D Hooks

C. D. Hooks
Charles + and family.
Willis +
Amanda +
Bob +

Mrs S. C. Calhoun

State of Ala } Know all Men by these presents that S S C Calhoun
Russell County } of the first part and the following named Negroes Henry Astin Anthony Men do agree upon the following Conditions for labor to be rendered to S C Calhoun of the 1st part by the above named Negroes of the 2d part, first that S. S. C Calhoun will give unto said Mentioned Negroes for their services during the remaining portion of the present year the following stipulated Amount To Henry Astin Anthony S. S C Calhoun will give unto said Mentioned Negroes for their services during the remaining portion of the present year the following stipulated Amount S S C Calhoun will give one tenth of the Corn Fodder & Molasses Made upon My Plantation the present year To Caroline and her three Children Joanah and her Child I will give their Victuals & Cloths and Comply with the regulations laid down in the order for labor regulations said Negroes to labor in accordance to the said regulations and we of the second part do agree that we will render unto S C Calhoun all of the labor that the regulations require of us & Should we fail to Comply with the said regulations then we forfeit our wages and get no Compensation for our services rendered and are transfered to government plantations to labor for no pay

Signed by each and all of us in the presence of these witnesses without any Compulsion whatever

Signed June 22d 1865
A Scarborough
J S Frazier

S C Calhoun
Henry
Astin
Anthony
Caroline and 3 Children
Joannah & 1 Child

State of Ala } Barbary Shoupp
Macon Cty } This is to certify that I have this day contracted with Wade the contract is this I am to furnish Wade his food Cloths until Christmas and the said Wade is to work faithfully and obedient for me for the same Given under my hand and seal this the 17th June 1865

Barbara Shoupp

Wade + his mark

Witness
D J Denham

NARA1102

J B Myhand

State of Ala } Know all Men by these presents that I J B Myland
Russell Cty } of the 1st part and the following named Negroes Dick 41
years old Bill Alfred Henry Middle age Penny and 6 Children
Eliza the wife Dick and her 3 Children Lucy the wife of Alfred
and 3 Children Susan the wife of Bill and 2 Children George an
Invalid, Ala Liza an Invalid of the 2d part do agree upon the
following Conditions for labor to be rendered to J B Myland of
the first part by the above named Negroes of the second part. First
that I J B Myland will give unto said mentioned Negroes for
their services during the remainder of this year the following
stipulated amount To Dick Bill Alfred Henry the Men I
J B Myland will give one tenth of the Corn fodder Peas Potatoes
made upon My plantation the present year To Penny and
her six Children Eliza and 3 Children Lucy and 3 Children Susan
and 2 Children old Liza an Invalid and George I will
give their Victuals Cloths pay their Doctors Bills and Comply
with other requestions laid down in the order for labor regul
ations said Negroes to labor in accordance with said regul a
tions and we of the 2d part do agree that we will render unto
J B Myland all of the labor that the regulations requires of
us and should refuse to Comply with said regulations then we
forfeit our wages and get No Compensation for services rendered
and are transferred to government plantation to labor
for no pay, Signed by each and all of us in the presence
of these witnesses without any Compulsation whatever

June 18th 1865

J B Myhand
Dick
Bill
Alfred
Henry
George Invalid
Bob
Jenny and 5 Children
Lucy " 3 "
Eliza " 3 "
Susan " 2 "

J M Woodyard
A M Lewis

$5.00

A Scarbrough

State of Ala } Know all Men by these presence that I
Russell Cty } A Scarbrough of the first part and the
following named Negroes Harry 60 years of age Alice 40
Lewes 30 Easter and 1 Child Martha and 1 Child and 4 Mothe less
Children under 11 years of age of the second part do agree upon
the following Conditions for labor to be rendered to said A Scarbrough
of the 1st part by the above named Negroes of the 2d part Viz

1st that I A Scarbrough will give unto said Negroes above
named for their services during the remaining portion of the
present year the following stipulated amounts To Harry
Allie and Lewis three Men I A Scarbrough will give
one tenth of the Corn fodder peas getting potatoes
and Syrup Made upon My Plantation the present year
Rations and Clothing included while they remain with me
To Easter and her Child Martha and her Child and the four
Mother less Children, I will give Rations and Clothing and
that they have Medical attention &c, as laid down in the
order for Labor regulations said Negroes to labor in acco
rdance with said regulations and we of the second part do
agree that we will render unto said A Scarbrough all
the labor that the regulations require of us and should
we fail to Comply with said regulations then we forfeit
our wages and get No Compensation for services rendered
and are transfered to government plantations to labor
for No pay — Signed by each and all of us in the
presence of these witnesses without any Compulsion
whatever This June 25th 1865

Witness
R P Scarbrough
J S Brazier

A Scarbrough
Hardy
Allie
Lewes
Easter
Martha

$6.00

NARA1103

James M Woodyard

State of Ala } June 23d 1865
Russell Cty } This Agreement entered into between James M Woodyard of the State of Ala and County of Russell of the one part and the Negroes formally the property of said Woodyard of said State and County of the other part

Witnesseth; That the said J M Woodyard on his part does promise Covenant and agree to furnish said Negroes their Rations Cloths Medical attendance and fuel

Furthermore to secure to them the Crop of Corn and other patches which have already been given to and are now being cultivated for them — That the said Negroes on their part do promise Covenant and agree to render good and faithful service to the said James M Woodyard and to respectfully perform all the lawful requisitions made upon them by their employers

The said J M Woodyard furthermore agrees to allow the said Negroes one half of every Saturday when this Can be done without detriment to the important interests on the farm — This agreement to take effect from this date June 23d 1863 and to be in full force until the 25th day of Decr Next to

Witness
G A Terrell
J T. Woodyard

J M Woodyard
Harriett 116 years old
Sarah 17 " "
Elmira 16 " "
Amanda 14 " "
Pemelia 13 " "
Samantha 12 " "
Julia 10 " "
Augustus 8 " "
Janet 5 " "
Monroe 3 " "
Eliza 1 " "

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J S Frazier

State of Ala } Know all Men by these presents that J J S
Russell Cty } Frazier of the first part and the following
named Negroes Wiley George Ben Bayonan Jacob Green
and her five Children of the second part do agree upon
the following Conditions for Labor to be rendered to J S
Frazier of the first part by the above named Negroes
of the second part First that J J S Frazier will give
unto said mentioned Negroes for their services during the
remaining portion of the present year the following
stipulated Amount to Wiley Ben Georg Raymond Jacob
The Ben Green a woman J J S Frazier will give
one tenth (1/10) of the Corn fodder Molasses made
upon My plantation the present year and Comply
with the requesitions laid down in the order for Labor
regulations said Negroes to labor in accordance with
said regulations we of the second part do agree
that we will render unto J S Frazier all of the labor
that the regulations require of us and should we fail
to Comply with said regulations then we forfeit our
wages and get No Compensation for services rendered
and are transferred to government plantations to labor
for No pay Signed by each and all of us in the presence
of these witnesses without any Compulsion whatever

June 26th 1865

Witness
R S Goolsby
J C Calhoun

J. S. Frazier
Wiley
Ben
George
Raymond
Jacob
Green

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J S Straz ier

Know all Men by these presents that J J S
razier of the first part and the following
Wiley George Ben Bayman Jacob Irene
Chilaren of the second part do agree upon
Conditions for Labor to be rendered to J S
first part by the above named Negroes
part First that J J S Strazier will give
tioned Negroes for their services during the
hortion of the present year the following
ount to Wiley Ben Georg Raymond Jacob
n a woman J J S Strazier will give
to) of the Corn fodder Molasses Mean
ntation the present year and Comply
ations laid down in the order for Labor
said Negroes to labor in accordance with
tions we of the second part do agree
render unto J J Strazier all of the labor
lations requires of us and should we fail
the said regulations then we forfeit our
to Compensation for services rendered
served to government plantations to labor
igned by each and all of us in the presence
esses without any Compulsion whatever
6th 1865

J. J. Strazier
Wiley
Ben
George
Raymond
Jacob
Irene

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R S Goolsbee

State of Ala } Know all Men by these presents that I
Russell Cty } R S Goolsbee of the first part and the foll
owing Named Negroes Sally and her 4 Children Seab
and Child and Abby of the second part. First that
I R S Goolsbee will give unto said Negroes for their
services for the remaining portion of the Year the following
stipulated Amount to Sally Seab and Abby one tenth
of the Corn after it is gathered and housed that is made
on my farm this year the five Children I will find and
Cloth and furnish Medical attention and Comply with
other requisitions laid down in labor regulations
The said Negroes to labor in accordance with said
regulations and we of the second part do agree that
we will render unto R S Goolsbee all of the labor
that the regulations requires of us and should we
fail to Comply with said regulations we then forfeit
all claims on any portion or part of said crop
and transferred to Government plantations to labor
for No pay - Signed by each and all of us in the
presence of these witnesses without any Compulsion
whatever June 26th 1865

R. S. Goolsbee
Sally
Seab
Abby

J J Strazier
W Lawrence

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James Holmar

State of Ala } June 12th 1865 An agreement entered into between
Pike County } James Holmer and his Colrd girl Martha Now
the said Martha on her part Obligates to serve the said Jas
Holmer as a faithful hand from this date till the 25th Dec
1865 for which the said James Holmer on his part obligates
to furnish the said Martha and her two Children with all
necessary food Raiment together with all Necessary Medical
Bills till that time Signed in presence of

W D Lekes
J H Jones

James Holmer
Martha + her Mark

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J. M

State of Ala } Know a
Russell Cty } first pa
son Andrew and Rea
her Child Isabellah
Catharine and her
following Condition
1st part by the above
all of the above name
services during the
tions laid down in the
in accordance with
agree that we will
regulations requires of
regulations then we fo
losses rendered and
labor for no pay
these witnesses without

Witnes
J M Woodyard
J B Mylard

Sou

State of Ala } Articl
Pike County } first p
The said Wm of the
first of the 2d part
of June 1865 to the
agree to pay as fo
attention And
to render good
Specified

Witnes
W. D. Ketchburg
W P Ketchburg

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R S Goolsbee

State of Ala } Know all Men by these presents that I
Russell Cty } R S Goolsbe of the first part and the foll-
owing Named Negroes Sally and her 4 Children Leah
and Child and Abby of the second part. First that
I. R S Goolsbe will give unto said Negroes for their
Services for the remaining portion of the Year the following
Stipulated Amount to Sally Leah and Abby one tenth
of the Corn after it is gathered and housed that is made
on My farm this Year the five Children I will find and
Cloth and furnish Maical attention and Comply with
other requisitions Laid down in Labor regulations
The said Negroes to labor in accordance with said
regulations and we of the second part do agree that
we will render unto R S Goolsbe all of the labor
that the regulations requires of us and should we
fail to Comply with said regulations we then forfeit
all Claims on any portion or part of said Crop
and transferred to Government plantations to labor
for No pay — Signed by each and all of us in the
presence of these witnesses without any Compulsion
whatever June 26th 1865

R. S. Goolsbee
Sally
Leah
Abby

W S Strozier
W Lawrence

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James Folmar

State of Ala } June 12th 1865 Be it agreement entered into between
Pike County } James Folmer and his Col'd girl Martha now
the said Martha on her part obligates herself to the said James
Folmer as a faithful hand from this date till the 25th Dec
1865 for which the said James Folmer on his part obligates
to furnish the said Martha and her two Children with all
the necessary food Raiment together with all Reasonable Medical
Bill, till that time Signed in presence of

James Folmer
Martha + her Mark

W D Lipkes
J H Jones

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J. W. Purifoy

State of Ala } Know all Men by these presents that I J W Purifoy of the
Russell Cty } first part and the following named Negroes Randal 55 years
old Andrew and Rease Middle Aged Hannah the wife of Andrew and
her Child Isabellah and her Child Son a girle about 10 years old
Catharine and her 7 Children of the second part do agree upon the
following Conditions for Labor to be rendered to J W Purifoy of the
1st part by the above Negroes of the second part I will and Cloth
all of the above named Negroes and pay their Doctors Bills for their
services during the remainder of the year and Comply with other requisi-
tions laid down in the order for Labor regulations, said Negroes to labor
in accordance with said regulations and we of the second part do
agree that we will render unto J W Purifoy all of the Labor that the
regulations requires of us and should we fail to Comply with said
regulations then we forfeit our wages and get no Compensation for
services rendered and are transfered to government plantations to
labor for no pay signed by each and all of us in the presence of
these witnesses without any compensation whatever

J W Purifoy

Witnes
J M Woodyard
J B Mylard

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Randal
Andrew
Rease
Hannah & child
Isabella & Child
Catharine & 7 Children

Louisa A King

State of Ala } Articles of agreement between Louisa A King of the
Pike County } first part and Ellen a Col'd servant of the 2d part
the said King of the 1st part do agree with Ellen a Colored
Girl of the 2d part for her services from this the 9th day
of June 1865 to the 1st day of January 1866 I the said King
agree to pay as follows Board Clothing & Medical
Attention And the said Ellen of the 2d part do agree
to render good service unto the said King for the time

Louisa A King
Ellen + her Mark

Rec'd
Witnes
W. D. Ritchburg
W P Ritchburg

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NARA 1185

A. J. Slaughter

State of Ala } June 16th 1865 The following is an agreement entered into between A J Slaughter Agt
Macon Cty } (for Wm M A Moragne) and the Negroes whose names are signd below

1st That I am and do agree to furnish Rations Clothing quarters and medical attendance to said Negroes and in addition to that they are to receive one tenth part of the Corn fodder and peas now in procss of cultivation on the plantation which is to be divided among them in proportion to the services rendered

In Consideration of which they (the said Negroes) do promise to remain on the plantation until the 25th day of December next and to perform such labor as is necessary to the Cultivation of the Crop repairing fences attending to stock and all other work that I may deem necessary about the home yard or lot and that they are to labor from Sun rise until Sun down six days in each week half of each Saturday excepted when the condition of the Crop will permit and on Sunday they are to do such work as attending to the stock Cooking for the family &c They further promise to be submissive and obedient to all orders coming from myself or any white female member of the family that they are not to leave the plantation at any time day or night under any consideration whatever without a written from myself or some member of the white family.

Should any one of these Negroes fail to do good and faithful service or violate any part of this Contract before the 25th day of December next such Negro or Negroes are to forfeit all pay and allowances promised him besides he or she are to be punished according to the offence by the direction of the superintendent of freedmen

Signd in the presence of

A J Slaughter Agt

J J Pierce
J T Warnock

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July 14/1865 Recorded

Jackson +	his mark	
Albert +	"	"
Elic +	"	"
Samuel +	"	"
Stephen +	"	"
Phany +	"	"
Caroline +		

Emma Shell

State of Ala } Contract between Emma Shell of the
Pike County } State and County aforesaid of the 1st part
and the following named freedmen of the 2d part to wit

John 22 years old West 19 Lucy and 2 Children owned and
the other 2 years of age Emma Shell of the 1st part
agrees to furnish said Freedmen with good Clothing fuel
and Medical Attention and one tenth of the Corn made
on her plantation the present year to be paid when
gathered for their labor until the 1st of January next
the said Freedmen agree to labor for the said Emma
Shell until the 1st January next as hereto for the com-
pensation above stated In witness whereof we have
hereunto set our hands this the 26th of June 1865

Witness
Thomas Shell

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Emma Shell
John +
West +
Lucy +

J. W. Harris

State of Ala } This indenture made this the 7th day
Pike County } of June 1865 Between J W Harris of the
State and County aforesaid of the 1st part and the
following named Freedmen of the 2d part (to wit)
Lewis 28 years old and his wife Carat 22 years old
Willis 60 years of age and his wife Sally 60 years old
Aark 17 years old and Charity 11 years

J W Harris of the 1st part agrees to furnish the
said freedmen good Clothing Houses Medical Attention
and fuel and in addition the tenth part of the Corn
fodder Potatoes and Syrup of the present growing
Crop on said plantation

J W Harris further agrees to Comply with the regul
ations issued at Montgomery Ala on the 26th day of May
1865 for the government of Freedmen laboring in Ala The above
named freedmen of the 2d part in consideration of the compensation above named
do agree to labor for said J W Harris until the 1st January 1866 and further to
comply strictly with the labor regulations for the governing of free Labor in this State

Witness
J F Coats
Wm P Terry

Gold

Sally +	J W Harris
Aark +	Lewis +
Charity +	Willis +

NARA 1106

W. C. Thompson

Union Springs Macon County Ala June 26th 1865

It is agreed and Contracted between W C Thompson of the 1st party and Pane 58 years of age Louisa age 47 and Hannah age 28 with three Small Children of the second party

The said W. C. Thompson agrees to give each of the said Negroes six Bushels of Corn pr Month and feed Cloth and furnish Necessary Medical attention and house room said Negroes do agree to faithfully discharge whatever duties may be required of them

W C Thompson
Pane +
Louisa +
Hannah +

Witness
C H Green

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J. B. Sanford

State of Ala } Article of Agreement between J B Sanford Agent
Macon Cty } for Dr M Woodruff of the 1st part and the following named persons (to Wit) Henry Emily John Susan and 2 Children George Matty the said Sanford doth agree to furnish Shelter Clothing Provisions to said persons and pay Emily 25 ℔ Henry does agree to stay for the above treatment Pay John 50 ℔ one suit of Jeans extra Sun work for the above treatment for her self and Children and the above named persons doth agree to labor for the said Sanford at anything he may order them to do until the 1st of January next this the 1st June 1865 Said Sanford do agree to pay Doctors Bill in each case

Witness
John Eades

J B Sanford Agt
Emily +
Henry +
John +
Susan +

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A. J. Phelps

State of Alab } Article of Agreement Made this day between
Pike County } A. J. Phelps and the following named persons Viz Henry and Wife and four Children By which the party of the first part agrees to find Cloth Shelter and Medical attendance when necessary the party of the 2d part to labor faithfully at anything they may be required to do as formerly June 22nd 1865 In presence of

A J Phelps
Henry +

G. W. Dozier

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Martin E Berry Senr

State of Ala } This indenture Made this 22nd June 1865 between
Pike County } Martin E Berry senr of the 1st part and the following named freamen of the 2d part (to Wit) Bill 30 years of age and his wife Mahala 35 years old and two Children one infant and the other 13 years old Solomon 30 and his wife Lucy 22 years old John 25 years old Martin E Berry of the 1st part agrees to furnish the named Freedmen Food Clothing Houses fuel and Medical attention and in addition fifteen Acres of Corn of the present growing Crop on said plantation Martin E Berry agrees to comply with the regulations issued at Montgomery Ala on the 26th day of May 1865 for the Government of Freamen Labor in Ala The above named Freamen of the 2d part in Consideration of the Compensation above named do agree to Labor for the said Martin E Berry until the 1st day of January 1866 and further to Comply with the Labor regulations for the governing of free labor in this State

In Witness Where of we have hereunto set our hands & seals

Martin E Berry Senr

Witness
J F Cook
Daniel Burnett

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William +
Solomon +
Lucy +

William +
John +
Mahaley +
Judge +

Martin E Berry Junr

State of Ala } This indenture Made this 7th day of June 1865
Pike County } between M E Berry Junr of the 1st part and the following named freamen of the 2d part (to wit) Sally 23 and Child 2 years old Mary 6 Nancy 23 Mary 20 and Child 8 Months Mary 35 and her 2 Children 4 and 10 years old Laurence — M E Berry of the 1st part agrees to furnish food Clothing houses fuel and Medical attention and to Comply with the regulations issued at Montgomery on the 26th May 1865 for the government of Freamen laboring in Ala The above named freamen in Consideration of the Compensation above named do agree to labor for the said M E Berry until the 1st of January 1866 and further to Comply strictly with the Labor regulations for the government of free Labor in this state

Martin E Berry Junr

Witness
J F Cook
Daniel Burnett

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Jerry +
Mary +
Henry +
Mary +
Oliver +
Mickey +

Laurence +
Sally +
Ned +

William Boswell

State of Ala } This 15th day of Janr 1866 — Witnesseth that William
Pike County } Boswell of the 1st part and the following named freedmen
(Viz) William and his wife Agnes Anthony and his wife Patsy Sylva Dave
Dave & his wife Charlotte Isaac Wilson Parker John Robin Caroline
Henry Polly Charles Rufus Dualty Dred Sarah Mary Mary Jane
and four Children Wesley and Mariah and three Children of the
second part witnesseth that the said William Boswell agrees
to employ the above named freedmen and furnish them
Food Clothing houseroom and Medical attention and in
addition one tenth of all the grain produced on the plan
tation of said William Boswell of the present growing Crop
And the above named freedmen in Consideration of the
past furnished by the said Boswell agree to labor for the
said Boswell until the 1st January 1866 and further agree
to Comply strictly with the regulations for the government
of free Labor in Ala In witness Whereof we have
subscribed our names in presence of

B A Horn
J A Ericson

William Boswell

Charles +	Parker +	William +
Rufus +	Wesley +	Anthony +
Dualty +	John +	Dave +
Dred +	Robin +	Isaac +
Sarah +	Henry +	Wilson +
		Mary +

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James H Jones

State of Ala } An Agreement between James H Jones and
Pike County } the Boy Noah — Now the said Noah on his part
Obligates to serve as a faithful hand the said James H Jones
until Dec 25th 1866 — and be obedient and submissive for
which the said James H Jones Obligates to furnish the said Noah
with good Raiment and Medical attention and at the close of
the time pay to the said Noah twenty Bushels of Corn or twenty
Dollars at the option of the said James H Jones and Noah to
have half of each Saturday Signed in the presence of

James Tolmer
W D Sikes

James H Jones

Noah + his mark

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Ira A Jordan

State of Ala } I Ira A Jordan of the County and State afore
Barbour Cty } Mentioned and former owner of the Negroes Named
below Made enter into and agree to the following terms of
Contract with said Negroes (to Wit) That I will find Cloth
provide house room for said Negroes besides provide them all
needful Medical attention and if in my Judgment I can do so
I will divide with them the sum of one Hundred bushels Corn
or wheat according to their merits at the expiration of the present
year also give them as much holeday as in my Judgment
can be spared from the Cultivation and securing of the Crop
now on hand — In returns for said promises of food Clothing
houseroom Medical attention Corn or Wheat and holeday
said Negroes agree to be obedient and Submissive Laborers doing
at all times what may be required of them that is in their power
to reasonably perform working with their usual deligence and
industry promising at the same time to assist in the taking
Care of and preserving any and every species of Stock or
tools that may be on or belonging to the place at any and
all times — All of which Contract we the Contracting
parties unreservedly and Voluntarally agree to this June
the 9th 1865 — Signed in the presence of

R D Thornton

Ira A Jordan

who heard the following named Negroes heads of families
agree to the Contract above Stated on the day the same bearing
date to Wit

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Edmond	for himself	and	family	
Dick	"	"	"	"
Willis	"	"	"	"
Squire	"	"	"	"
Hal	"	"	"	"
Sarah	"	horse	"	"
Frankly	"	"	"	"
Tom	"	himself	"	"
Susan	"	herself	"	"

William G Taylor

State of Ala & This Contract Made and Concluded
Macon Cty & this day June 15th 1865 Between W G Taylor
on the one part and the following named Laborers to wit
Ennett and family Peter and family Ross Ned Polly Daxens
Rem and family on the other part Witnesseth that the said Laborers
have this day agreed to labor with and for the said W G Taylor
on his farm as heretofore and are to receive as Compensation
for said labor One tenth of the Corn fodder Syrup and peas made
on said farm in addition to food Clothing Shelter and Medical
attendance and further the following named Laborers do agree
to labor with and for the said W G Taylor on his farm as here
to fore for food Clothing shelter and Medical attention to wit
Darkus and Rem further more we bind our selves to render
unto the said W G Taylor true and faithful labor up to
the 25th day of December Next for the above consideration
The above agreement is entered into in accordance with
Order from Hd Quarters Montgomery Ala May 26th 1865

Witnes
M B Taylor
C P D Taylor

Polly +
David +
Rem +

W G Taylor & his Mark
Peter + " "
Ross + " "
Ennett + " "
Ned + " "

R J Harwell

State of Ala & This Agreement Made and entered into this
Pike County & June 12th 1865 between R J Harwell and Flora
Blue of the 1st part of the County and State aforesaid and
Mary Patsy & Matilda Freedwomen of the other part all
of the State and County aforesaid — Witnesseth That we
R J Harwell and Flora Blue do agree to furnish the above
Freedwomen their food & Raiment and pay all Medical Bills
This Contract to Last until the 25th December Next And we the said
Freedwomen do agree to live with the said R J Harwell & Flora
Blue until the 25th day of December Next and perform such
Labor as was required of us before we was freedmen
In witness we have hereunto set our hands and
seal the day and year written Signed in presence of

L McKinnon
W L Secrist

Betsy +
Matilda +

R J Harwell
Flora Blue
Mary +

John B Hough

State of Ala & This indenture Made the 10th day of June
Pike County & 1865 between John B Hough of the 1st part
and the following named Freamen of the second part
Jesse and family Tony Cornelius Jane and family
Susan and family Ruby and family Polly & family Susan
& family Nance May Peter Jane Sara Georgeann Manday
& family Witnesseth that the said John B Hough of the
first part agrees to employ the following named freamen
Jesse and family Tony Cornelius Jane & family Susan and
family Rhody and family Polly and family Susan & family
Mandy & family Nance May Peter Jane Sara and Georgeann
The said John B Hough agrees to furnish said named free
men and Children food Clothing houses fuel & Medical
attention and in addition one tenth of the present growing
Crop of Corn on plantations of said John B Hough and
six Bushells Wheat The said J B Hough further agrees to
comply with the regulations issued at Montgomery Ala
on the 26th day of May 1865 for the government of freamen
laboring in Alabama — The above named freamen
in Consideration of the part furnished by John B
Hough do agree to labor for the said John B Hough
until the 1st day of January 1866 and further agree to
Comply strictly with the Labor regulations for the
governing of free labor in Alabama
In witness Whereof we have subscribed our Names

In presence of
J M Hough
J Jinkins

J B Hough

Jerry +
Tony +
Cornelius +
Jane +
Susan +
Rhody +
Polly +
Susan +
Nance +
Mary +
Jane +
Sara +

Georgeann +
Peter +
Manday +

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John Cope

State of Ala } This agreement made this 19th day of June
Pike County } 1865 between John Cope of the above named County and State of the first part and Pinkney Winney and Nancy and her five Children formally slaves of the said John Cope of the second part witnesseth that the said John Cope of the first doth agree on his part to find and cloth the above mentioned Pinkney Winny and Nancy & her five Children and to furnish necessary Medical attention & also to give Pinkney & Winny ten (10) bushels of Corn and we Pinkney Winny & Nancy of the 2d part agree to work for said John Cope of the first part until the 25th day of December next as faithful as we have heretofore done and also to obey his instructions as heretofore
Signd this 20th day of June 1865

in presence of
Samuel J Wing
W J Wing

John Cope
Pinkney +
Winny +
Nancy +

Martin Cope

State of Ala } This agreement entered into on this the
Pike County } 19th day of June 1865 between Martin Cope of the 1st part and Noah and Ary and her three Children of the 2d part formally Slaves of E W Williams of the above named County and State - Witnesseth that the said Martin Cope of the 1st part doth agree on his part to find and Cloth the above Noah and Ary and her three Children and also to furnish Necessary Medical attention and we Noah & Ary of the second part doth agree on our part to work for the said Martin Cope of the first part until the 25th Dec next and to work faithfully as we have heretofore done and also to obey his instructions as heretofore Signed this 20th day of June 1865

In presence of
Samuel J Wing
W J Wing

Martin Cope
Noah +
Ary +

A Shinglear

State of Ala } This Contract made and entered into
Russell Cty } this 19th day of June 1865 between James A Shinglear of the one part and Eli for himself and his Wife Martha and his five Minor Children Amos for himself and his wife Lucy and his three Minor Children - Cinthia for herself and her five Minor Children John for himself and his wife Fannie Petsy for her self and her four Minor Children Sarah for herself and her two Minor Children Martha for herself and her Minor Child Emily for herself and her four Minor Children Malinda Polly for herself and Minor Child Rachael Mary Gracie Dicie Hamitt George Alex Sam Rouse and Moses of the other part Witnesseth that for and in Concideration of food Cloth house rent Fuel and Medical attention when ill as well as one tenth of the present growing Crop to be furnished by the party of the 1st part to that of the last they of the 2d part do agree and bind themselves to remain upon the plantation of the party of the first part and Continue to labor upon the same faithfully and Cheerfully for the remainder of the present year and to do and perform all things as they have heretofore done and in Case of failure or refusal to perform the same then they are to forfeit all right title and interest in the same and are upon notice to remove from with their families

In testimony whereof we have hereunto our hands and seal the day and date above written

Witness
J B Banks

Polly + James A Shinglear
Rachael + Eli +
Mary + Amos +
Dicie + Cinthia +
Harriett + John +
George + Betsey +
Alex + Sarah +
Sam + Martha +
Rause + Emely +
Moses + Malinda +

Gracie +

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Jany	28	33	W M Sims	Boyd Sim & McRae
"	"	34	Jams Wood	do

Jane Young & Wood

State of Ala } This indenture Made on the 10th day of June
Pike County } 1865 between Jane Youngblood of the 1st
part and the following named freamen of the second part
Abram Vile Ann Easter and Minter Witnesseth that
the said Jane Youngblood of the first part agree to
employ the following named freamen Abram Vile
Easter and Member

The said Jane Youngblood agree to furnish said
named freamen food Clothing house full & Medical
attention and in addition to pay the said named freamen
one tenth of the present growing crop of corn and
potatoes on the plantation of said Jane Youngblood
and further agree to Comply with the regulations issued
at Montgomery Ala on the 26th May 1865 for the government
of freamen laboring in Ala — The above named
freamen in Consideration of the part payment by
Jane Youngblood do agree to labor for the same
Jane Youngblood until the 1st day of Janr 1866
and further agree to Comply strictly with the
Labor regulations for the governing of free labor
in Alabama In witnp whereof we have
subscribed our Names in presence of

Jane Youngblood
Abram +
Vilett +
Ann +
Easter +
Member +

F M Hough
Peter Hough

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M. C. Stinson

State of Ala } Know all men by these presents we the under-
Pike County } signed have this day Mutually agreed to faith-
fully observe the Conditions of the following Contract
and the failure on the part of any one of the parties herein
to agreing Shall forfeit to him or her all benefit and
Concessions entered in the Contract

On the part of the first P — M C Stinson of the County
of Pike State of Ala do agree to pay and allow the
Negroes formally owned by me Now Claimed to be free in
Compensation for remaining on the place with me and
faithfully performing all services necessary on the plan-
tation Commencing at the 1st day of June 1865 and ending
on the 31st day of December 1865 — the space of seven
months The part of the Crop that is agreed upon is on a
piece of Land in the N. W. Corner of the old gin house field
it Contains about Ten Acres all of the Corn growing
on said Land that it Makes this year during the hire above
Specified I also promise to feed Clothe Shelter and
pay the Doctors Bill in Sickness

On the part of the Second we the undersigned in
accordance with the terms of the above Contract do
agree to faithfully perform all labor necessary on
the aforesaid place under the Conditions and for the
time and Compensation expressed in the above Contract

Witness
E A Rabon
J E Rabon

M C Stinson
Lassu +
Martin +
Rody +
Martha +

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James Davison

State of Ala } Articles of agreement between James
Pike County } Davison and Mark a Freeman
James Davison of the first part Binds himself
to furnish Mark and his family (to wit) Amanda his
wife Isham 12 yars old Georg 10 Ewin 6 Rebica 10
Months old with house room food and raiment and
all necessary Doctors Bills together with twenty bushels
Corn five Bushels Barley five Gallons of Syrup and two
Hundred pounds of Pork to be delivered the 25th day
of Decr 1865 Mark on the second part Binds himself
that he and his family will Labor for the said James
Davison till the 25th day of Decr 1865 and be obedient
and Subject to the orders of the said James Davison
this June 10th 1865 Signed in the presence of

James Forman — James Davison
W. D. Gibbs — Mark + his Marke

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H B Thompson

State of Ala } Articles of Agreement Made and enter
Pike County } ed into this the 25th day of June 1865 between
H B Thompson of the County and State aforesaid
of the 1st part and the following named person of Color
subscribed of the second part Witnesseth that the
said H B Thompson party of the 1st part do hereby
agree and bend themself by these presents to retain in
his employment upon his farm as Laborers the party
subscribed of the second part that he will furnish them
houses food Clothing fuel medicine and Medical
attention from this date to 1st January 1866 in
consideration whereof the party of the second part
do obligate and bend themselves to remain in the empl
oyment of the party of the 1st part to the 1st of Janry
next and faithfully discharge their duties and render
obedience and respect to the said H B Thompson and
his wife to all of which the parties aforesaid binds
themselves in the presence of

H B Thompson

L J Smith — Emma + — Ned + — Bob +
L J Smith — Burk + — Ben + — Jane + — Pat +
1026 — Nate — Filan — Warren +

Thomas Hagard

This Agreement Made the 25th day of June 1865 - between
Thomas Hagard of the County of Pike State of Alabama
of the first part and Cesar Hilliard Joseph and Emelin
of the 2d part witnesseth that the party of the second part
Covenant and agree to and with the said party of the first part
to remain on the plantation of the aforesaid Thos Hagard
for the present year and to do all the Labor on said farm
necessary to the successful Cultivation of said farm that
they when the Crop is ready to harvest will harvest gather
haul and house the same in the Crib or barn on the
plantation of the party of the 1st part That they will Keep
the plantation fences and all the other appurtenances thereto
in good repair and Construct any buildings that may be
necessary or required on said premises - That they will
give unwarranted attention to the feeding watering and Care
of the Stock and will attempt to remaining on the premises
or environs so that they shall be at all times one of
themselves to attend to the Stock and go on errands if required
that they will not leave the premises at any time without the
written consent of the party of the 1st part, and that they will
not permit laborers straying from their employers to loiter
about the premises without giving notice of their presence to the
said party of the first part that they will use their best efforts
at all times to promote the interest of their employer and
that all the labor Concerning the farm and other services
shall be done at the time required and at the will and
direction of the party of the 1st part And in consideration
of which the said party of the 1st part agrees to supply the
aforesaid Caris Hilliard and Joseph with Clothing houses
fuel subsistence and Medical attention and to supply
Emeline and her three Children with houses and subsistence
for the year - In witness whereof the parties to these presents
have hereunto set their hands and seals on the day and year
aforesaid Sealed Signed and delivered in the presence of

Thomas Hagard

W Wood Griffin — 1029 — Cesar +
Hilliard +
Joseph +
Discharged — Emeline +

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William Cox

State of Ala & Articls of Agreement Made and entered into
Macon Cty & this 20th day of June A D 1865 between Wm Cox
of the 1st part and the following named freed persons of the 2d
part (to Wit) Green 40 and wife 40 years old and eight children
under fourteen years of age Planer 38 wife and one child
7 years old Henry 30 and wife and 2 children under 7 Emeline 41
and nine children under 14 years of age Jno 50 and his wife 60
years old John 18 John Haragit 60 and wife 48 years old no children
in Manner and form following (to Wit)

The said Cox agrees on his part to furnish the above
named parties with food Clothing Room room fuel and medical
attention until the 25th Dec next and to let them have two
weeks to work for themselves after the crop is finished Aaron
about 35 and his wife 30 and 3 children under 6 years of age
is included in the above article

Article 2nd We the above named Gentlemen and Women agree
to work and labor for said Cox until the said 25th day
of December next at any kind of Labor required of us to Mass
constant and faithful hands, and to be subject to his orders
and directions and to Make up to or remain said Cox for
lost time in case of protracted sickness

Witness our Hands & C

Witness
A Edmonson

William Cox
Planer +
Green +
Henry +
Emeline +
Jno +
John +
John H +
Aaron +

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Bird Filzpatrick

Article of agreement Made this day between
Bird Filzpatrick and the following named persons
Ned and family Monday & family Monday & family
Mina & family Sarah & family Amy Elick Cliff Mack Edmond
Andrew Tebe Sem and Ruthie — By which the party of the
1st part is to find Cloth provision shelter fuel and Medical
attention when necessary

The party of the 2d part to labor faithfully as any
work that the party of the first part may see fit to put
them at For such Labor the party of the 1st part agrees
to give them a tenth of all the crop now growing
from of hire to expire January 1st 1866

This the 17th day of June 1865

Witness
A S Seman
E Grump Randle

Bird Filzpatrick
Ruth + Seaborn + Mack +
Sarah + Elick + Cliff +
Edmond + Ned + Andrew +
Monday + Amanda + Sem +

1049

J. D. Sentell

State of Ala & Articls of Agreement between J D Sentell of the
Pike County & on part and Caroline a freed woman of the other
part said woman is about 24 years of age and has 3 children as
under 8 years old the said Sentell on his part promises to furnish
said woman food and clothes for her and three children also give
her the produce of 2½ acres of Land for the time of four Months
The said woman on her part promises to labor faithfully
and regularly for the time of four Months from the present
date for the above named compensation Whereunto we have
set our hands this the 9th day of June 1865

Signed in the presence of
A S Dasher
H B Ratliff

J D Sentell
Caroline + her mark

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W S Jackson

State of Ala } This agreement entered into this 18th day
Macon County } of June 1865 Between W S Jackson of the
one part and Tom Daniel Ben Step Anthony Harry
Step Mark George Bill Jerry Anderson John Henry
Bruce Little Tom Nelson Harry Winny Dinah Cherry
Martha Jane Susan Ellen Suck Cherry Eliza Kate
Of the other part Witnesseth that for and said consideration of one tenth of the following products of the soil
Made and gathered on the premises of the said Jackson
(to wit) Corn fodder peas potatoes Rice cotton rye and sorghum
to be delivered on or before the 25th day of Dec next The
said Tom Daniel Ben Step Antony Bill Jerry Anderson
John Henry Little Tom Nelson Harry Winny Dinah Cherry
Martha Jane Susan Ellen Suck Cherry Eliza Kate
do promise and agree to labor on the plantation until
the 25th day of Dec next of the said Jackson under the same
rule and regulations as they have heretofore done and the
said Jackson obligates himself to furnish them the said year
food Clothing habitation and provide Medical attendance
in case of sickness

W. S. Jackson

June 18th 1865 in presence of

A Williamson
R E Jackson

Anderson +	Tom +		
Dinah +	John +	Daniel +	
Cherry +	Henry +	Ben +	
Martha +	Little Tom +	Step +	
Jane +	Nelson +	Antony +	
Susan +	Harry +	Bill +	
Ellen +	Winny +	Jerry +	
Eliza +	Cherry +	Suck +	

Recd + 1080

The above agreement is entered into on my part in accordance with an order issued by Conner Superintendant of Freedmans Bureau at Montgomery Ala the 25th day of May 1865 under Protest

W S Jackson

Mrs. Nancy B Foreman

State of Ala } This agreement is entered into this 10th June 1865
Pike County } between Nancy B Foreman of the first part
and the following named freedmen and freedwomen (to wit
Jerry Sam Frank Bob Joe Rinda Violet Lucy Mournin
of the 2d part witnesseth — That the party of the first
part agrees to give to the party of the second part as follows
to Jerry 30 Bushels Corn to Sam 25 to Frank 25 to Bob
25 to Joe 20 to Rinda Violet Lucy 12½ Bushels Corn each
& Mournin 10 Bushels Corn the party of the 1st part further
agrees to furnish the said party of the 2d part and their
Children now upon the farm of the party of the 1st part
with food Clothing houses and Medical attendance
and fuel as heretofore until 1st January 1866 on
condition that the party of the 2d part labor on
the farm of the party of the 1st part or elsewhere as
required under the directions and management of the
party of the first part her agent or superintendent
until 1st January 1866

And the party of the 2d part in consideration that
they receive the amounts of Corn & supplies as stated above
after the present Crop is gathered agree to labor faithfully &
diligently upon the farm of the party of the first part
as hired laborers should do or wherever they may be
required to labor under the direction and management
of the party of the 1st part her agent or superintendent
until 1st January 1866 - and further the party of the
second part agree that if any person or persons of the
second part refuse or fail for any cause to work & labor
as agreed on the part such person or persons would be entitled to shall go to the party of the 1st part nor shall the party
of the first part be bound to feed any one of said persons
or their children or perform any other part of this agreement
and further if any one or more of the persons of the 2d
part shall unnecessary or wantonly take injure or
destroy or cause to be taken injured or destroyed
any thing belonging to the party of the first part the
party of the first part shall have the right to indemnify
himself for such damage out of the share of the

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persons so damaging or causing the damage further the party of the second part agrees that this Contract shall remain in the place of the party of the first part and do such duties as hereto fore done or such as may be required of them till January 1st 1866 and the party of the second part further agrees to look faithfully after protect and take good care of all the things Mattrs and Conarns of the party of the first part - In testimony whereof we set our hands and seal

N. B. Foreman

Witnes
John P Stallard
N Foreman

Rinda +
Vilot +
Lucy +
Mournin +

Jem +
Sam +
Frank +
Bob +
Joe +

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M E Berry

State of Ala } This indenture Macon this the 7th day of Jan
Pike County } 1865 between M E Berry of the State and County aforesaid of the 1st part and the following named freedmen of the 2d part (to wit) Jack 15 years old Maria 20 years old and one Child Ann 5 years old M E Berry Jr of the 1st part agrees to furnish the said freamen good Clothing Houses and Medical attention and the said M E Berry further agrees to Comply with the regulations issued at Montgomery Ala on the 26th day of May 1865 for the government of freamen laboring in Ala

The above named freamen of the 2d part in Consideration of the Compensation above named do agree to Labor for the said M E Berry until the 1st day of January 1866 and further to Comply strictly with the regulations for the governing free labor in the State

Witnes
J H Cook
Daniel Barnett

M E Berry
Jack +
Maria +
Ann +

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W. H. Williams

State of Ala } In accordance with an order issued by
Macon Cty } from the freedmen Bureau at Montgomery
Alabama I have this day entered into the following
Contract with the following so Called freedmen for
the remainder of the year 1865 (Viz) Jane Susan and
their Children Crissy and Hannah D agree to supply
the said so Called freamen with food Clothing Houses
land and Medical attention when necessary Johnson
former slave of James Skinner I am to pay Eight
Dollars pr Month in provisions or Money from date
to be paid by the 25th Dec next I also agree to find
him during said time - They on their part for and
in Consideration of the above agree to Labor faithfully
and industriously under my superintendance and direction
as formerly on the plantation or at any other business
I may direct In witness whereof we have hereunto
set our hands this 21st day of June 1865

W. H. Williams

Witness
J M Williams
D. V. Eley

Johnson +
Crissy + Jane +
Hannah + Susan +

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W J Crawford

State of Ala } It is hereby agreed between W J Crawford
Macon Cty } and his late servants Mann Willis for himself his
Wife and their three Children Wit Fed and Infants that for and
in Consideration of 2 twentieths of one tenth of provisions Crop
Row Planting and their food Clothing Shelter and Incident attendance
that the said Reprovers Willis and his wife shall continue to labor
on the plantation of the said Crawford for the balance of the
year 1865 & to do and perform all things as usual on said plantation
and the said Crawford agrees to give him the preference
over another or any outside persons who may seek employment with him - In testimony whereof we have hereunto
set our hands and seal this 9th day of June 1865

W J. Crawford

In presence of
Geo Nicholson

Willis X his mark

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Calvin

Calvin G. W. Shelton

State of Ala } A Contract between C G W Shelton and his
Macon Cty } servants Charly Sarah Oliver Mahala Ann
Leach and Mary The above Mentioned Contract is as
follows C G W Shelton do agree and promise to give to the
above named servants one tenth of the present growing
Crop on My plantation when gathered that is say one tenth
of the Corn and one tenth of the Chinea Cane Syrup and
two Standard and forty pounds of Pork when Killed
C G W Shelton on My part do promise faithfully to Keep
and fulfill the above Mentioned Contract and also furnish
them with food and Clothing and Medical attention when
Necessary provided that Charles Sarah Oliver Mahala
Ann Leah and Mary faithfully on their part perform
all their duties in working the Crops and gathering the
same and be obedient to me in all things proper and
behave themselves well generally and we Charles Sarah
Oliver Mahaly Ann Leah and Mary do on our parts
agree and promise to be faithful and obedient to Mr
Shelton in performing all our duties as servants and if
we unlawfully fail to abide by our Contract as above stated
we will Claim no ways at his Lands

Signed in the presents of — Calvin G W Shelton

John L Carter — Ann + Charles +
J A Etheredge — Leah + Sarah +
Mary + Oliver +
Mahaily +

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Samuel C Watkins

Articles of Agreement this day between S C Watkins and Elic
and Hannah and their Children and Henry and Letty and their Children
By which the party of the 1st part Agrees to find Clothes to the best of his
ability furnish fuel and shelter and Medical attendance when
necessary and pay Elic and his family 30 Bushels Corn and Henry
and his family 20 Bushels of Corn to be paid at the expiration of servi-
ces the Party of the 2d promises to labor faithfully on the farm
or otherwise until the twenty fifth of Decr Next. June 15/65

Samuel C Watkins

Witness — Elick + his Mark
Simeon Cooper — Henry + his Mark
Samuel Cooper — Letty + her Mark — Hannah +

1110

James H Snipes

State of Ala } This Contract Made and entered into this
Macon Cty } the 24th day of June 1865 between James H
Snipes of the one part and Asborn and his Wife Alice
and 2 Minor Children for himself Bob and his Wife
Sarah and two Minor Children for himself Sylvia and
1 Minor Children for herself Jere for himself Sem for
himself and Henry for himself of the other part
Witnesseth that for and in Consideration of food Clothing
house rent fuel and Medical attention when all as
well as one tenth of the Corn Now growing upon the
farm to be furnished by the party of the 1st part To that
of the last they of the 2d part agree and bind themselves
to remain upon the plantation of the party of the
first part and Continue to labor upon the same
peaceably and Cheerfully for the present year to do and to
perform all things as they have heretofore done and in
case of failure or refusal to perform the same then
they are to forfeit all right title and interest in the
same and are upon Notice to remove promptly with
their families

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set
our Hands and Seal this the day and date above
written

James H Snipes

Witness — Jerry + — Asborn +
J A H Granberry — Sem + — Bob +
J M Barron — Henry + — Silvia +

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James Folmer

State of Ala } James 12th 1865 Agreement between James Folmer and his
Tallapoosa County } Boy Ellick Now the said Ellic on his part agrees and firmly binds
himself to labor for the said James Folmer and be subject to his
orders from this time till the 25th December Next for which services
the said Folmer on his part obligates to furnish the said Ellick with ne-
cessary food & Raiments with the necessary Doctors Bills & also pay to the
said Ellick at the close of his services 30 Bushels of Corn & 200 lbs Pork

signed in the presence of — James Folmer

W D Sides — Ellick + his Mark
J M Jones

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Wiley M Bird

State of Ala } Articles of Agreement between Wiley M Bird
Pike County } of the former and the following named Colored persons
of the latter part Witnesseth That I the said W M Bird agree to
superintend as I have heretofore done the business on this farm
while I was regarded as owner by law, to give up as remuneration
to said slaves or Colored persons one tenth of Corn fodder Peas &
rice for this years Labor and find and Cloth them and their families
and pay their Doctors bills and that I will superintend the division
or in other words make a division of said one tenth of the Crop
among said colored persons private according to quality &
Merit of Laborers If impracticable for me to superintend the man-
agement of said farm through disability on the division of
said one tenth I will employ or secure an agent to accom-
plish the same And we the undersigned Colored persons hereby
agree and bind our selves to perform good and faithful service
on this farm to be subject to and obey orders from our former
owner or his agent as we have heretofore done, that we will work as
many hours pr day and on every day as in the judgement of our
former owner the necessity of the case may require and accept the
one tenth as above named as our remuneration for our Labor
the 25th day of December Next In testimony whereof we have
unto affix our hands, Marks &c &c June 10th 1865

Wiley M Bird

Witness
R A Haynes
James A Hunter

1865

Andrew + one child Eliza
Cato + his Wife Jane
Warren +
Morgan + Wife & 8 Children
Steve +
Alfred +
Russ +
Sumner +
Joe +
Hannah +
Nicie + 2 children
Henry +
Doctr +
Willis +
Isham +

Giles +
Amos +
Simon +
Berry +
Jasper +

James M. Hobdy

State of Ala } June 3d 1865 Agreement or Contract entered
Pike County } into between James M Hobdy of the 1st part &
his former servants that has not left him of the second
part the said James M Hobdy of the 1st part agrees to find
Cloth and to have furnished and pay for all Medical
attentions Necessary for the life or health of said former
servants as he has done heretofore together with giving
them the tenth of Corn Peas Potatoes and Syrup Crop of
the year of 1865 In Consideration for which I am 46 years
and his wife Margana age 44 years with one child 15 years old
two between that age & 10 years and 5 Children under 10
years old. Bill 30 and his wife Martha 33 years old one
child 15 by 16 One Girl 11 and 5 Children under 10 years of
age Rhenora an infirm woman with One Daughter
16 years old one boy 10 and 3 Children under 10 years old
Joe 10 years old his wife Caroline 50 years old with one
son William 20 years old one Daughter 15 years old and
one Child under 10 years old Enoch 29 & his wife Rosetta
30 years old and infirm and three Children under 10 yrs
old Phillis Dicky 35 one son 11 one 12 years old Steve
38 Edmond 40 Caton 21 Coot 19 Dirson 18 Hannah 50
Emily 28 and Hester 16 Martha Ann 14 years old We the
above named former Servants Mentioned of the second part
agree with our former Master James M Hobdy of the first
part to remain with him till the 1st January 1866 for
our Rations and Clothes (as formerly) and a tenth of
the Crop Mentioned above to be divided among ourselves
in due proportions We of the second part further more
agree and promise to obey all orders from and work
faithfully for the said James M Hobdy as was our Custom
prior to the year 1865 or receive the Correction as
formerly Meted out to us while his servants or forfeit
our privileges and pay as the Law directs

1865

Witness
A M McKinnon
H J Barker
J Hobdy

Margana +
Bill +
Rosetta + Martha +
Phillis + Rhenora +
Steve + Joe +
Edmund + Caroline +

James M Hobdy
Emily + Calvin +
Hester + Coot +
Martha Ann + Dirson +
Isham + Hannah +
William + Enoch +

NARA1117

John B Grider

State of Ala } This indenture Made this 15th day of
Pike County } June 1865 between J B Grider of the first
part and the following Named freamen Joseph of the
second part witnesseth that the said J B Grider agrees
to employ the above Named freamen to labor for him
the present year and D J B Grider to furnish him
with food Clothing houses fuel and Medical attendance
and D further agree to Comply with the regulations issued
at Montgomery on the 26th May 1865 for the government of
freamen laboring in ala and the above Named freemen
in Consideration of the parts furnished by the said
J B Grider do agree to labor for the said J B Grider till
the first day of January 1866 and further agree to Comply
strictly with the Labor Regulations for the government of
free labor in alabama In witness whereof we have sub
scribed our Names in the presence of

William Gilmore
Thos M Perry

J B Grider
Joseph + his mark

1161

Lucy E Rowell

State of Ala }
Pike County } Article of Agreement entered into between Lucy
E Rowell of the one part & We the undersigned freamen of the
other Showeth that said L.E. Rowell agrees to find Clothing &
the Doctor Bills of the following Named freamen (Viz) Charlot
a female age about 18 years of age 3 Class Nat Emma Dofs
a girl about 13 years old - said L E Rowell agrees to pay
said Charlot one Eight of the present growing Crop provided
that said Charlot Complys with the requisitions of the post
Listed orders for the government of employer & freamen
Said Charlot agrees to perform all labor Customary for
a female to perform on a farm Jan 12th 1865
executed in the presence of

G. W Stubbard
G M McLeod

L. E. Rowell

Charlotte + her mark

1162

William R Spann

State of Ala } Articles of Agreement Made this day between
Macon County } W R Spann and the following Named
persons Mitchell and 2 Children Andrew Jack Lewis Jr
Lewis Sr George Mariah Laura Mary & 3 Children Jeff &
Arch Betsy & 3 Children Stephen — By which the party of
the first part agrees to find Clothing provision Shelter and food
and Medical attendance when necessary and allow
them to Cultivate and have their Rice as their own and
pay on the 25th Dec next one half of the Net proffits of
the farm that is when the amount of Corn Pork provisions
and wheat that has been used on the plantation is returned
to said plantation and other necessary expenses is
paid — The recent party agrees to labor faithfully till
the 25th day of Dec next Subjecting ourselves to the
rules and regulations governing the premises and planta
tion Lastly for the proffits of said plantation to be divided
according to grade of Laborers those having families
to bear the burden of said families to be decided
by a disinterested party June 23rd 1865

Witness }
J. N. Rogers }

Jeff + George +
Isaac + Arch +
Stephen + Mariah +
Laura +
Mary +
Betsy +

Wm R Spann
Mitchell +
Andrew +
Jack +
Lewis Jr +
Lewis Sr +

1163

Flora Hooks

State of Ala }
Macon Cty } Articles of agreement entered into Flora Hooks and the
following named hands (to Wit) John an ola Man Robert John Vilet
Ellen and 3 Children — I Flora Hooks do promise to give one half
of the present growing Crop of Corn peas potatoes and sorghum
and also promise to find Cloth Shelter and give Medical attendance
& Nursing to the above named hands for which they promise to
do good and faithful service and to obey my orders as heretofore
when failing to do this I Flora Hooks am at liberty to turn them
off from the farm and they will forfeit their wages

Witness
C G Hooks

John +
Ellen +
Vilet +

Flora Hooks
John +
Robert +

1164

NARA1118

G C Efird

State of Ala } This agreement made and entered into
Pickens County } between G. C Efird of the State and County aforesaid of the first part and Sallie Laura and Richard of the 2d part witnesseth the party of the 2d part agrees to Labor faithfully in Hoeing and gathering the Crop and doing the Necessary repairs of the farm they also agree to alternate in such a way that one of them may be on the premises of the party of the 1st part for on each Saturday for the purpose of feeding the Stock and doing other Necessary acts about the place They also agree that if one or all of the party of the 2d part should lose any time either by Sickness or other wise that said time shall be deducted from the one twelfth part of the Crop and they agree to work when and as directed by the said G C Efird

The party of the 1st part for and in consideration of the faithful performance of the above obligations agree to pay to the party of the 2d part one twelfth (1/12) part of the following growing Crop to Wit Corn Peas & Rice also to feed Cloth mend Linsey room and pay their Doctor Bills

Witness our hands and seal on this 22d day of June A D 1865 in presence of

Wm A Johns

G C Efird
Sallie +
Laura +
Richard +

1182

James B Griffin & Bros

State of Ala } This agreement made the 20th day of June
Macon County } 1865 between James B Griffin & Bros of the County of Macon and State of Ala of the 1st part and Alfred Watson Samuel Frane Amber Lizer Sarah and Matilda of the County and State aforesaid of the 2d part Witnesseth = That the party of the 2d part Covenants and agrees to and with the party of the 1st part to remain on the premises belonging to James B Griffin & Bro to perform all the Labor Necessary to the successful cultivation of the Crops on said premises and when the Crop is ready to be harvested to harvest gather haul and house the same in the Crib or barns on the plantation as soon as may be required = That they will keep the plantation fences and every other appurtenance in good repair = That they will Construct any houses or other buildings that may be wanted on the premises = That they will give more mature attentions to the feeding watering and Care of the Stock That they will alternate in remaining on the farm on Sundays so as there shall always be one made adult to attend to the Stock and if necessary go in case for a physician or other purposes = That they will not leave the premises without the written consent of the party of the 1st part and will not permit other Laborers straglers from their employers to Enter about the premises without giving timely Notice of the same to the party of the 1st part That they will use their energies to promote the interest of the said party of the first part and that all Labor and acts Concerning the Cultivation of the farm or the gathering and housing the same and every other service wherein the party of the 1st part is interested shall be done at the will and discretion of the party of the 1st part And for and in Consideration of which the said party of the first part agrees to pay unto the said party of the 2d part one twelfth part of all the present growing Crop when the same is all gathered for said party of the 2d part to live on together with such Medical attention and as many Clothing as they have heretofore received at the same season of the

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year and substance Our witnes whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto set their hands and seals on the day and year aforesaid

Sealed Signed and delivered in the presence of

Benjamin W Fitzroy
P H Gunn

J B. Griffin
E W Griffin
J J Griffin
A Wood Griffin

Amber +
Frane +
Lisin +
Sarah +
Mettlan +

Alford +
Watson +
Samuel +

119

Hester A Willis

State of Ala } The following Contract was this day
Pike County } Made and entered into by Hester A Willis of the one part and the following laborers on her plantation of the second part of the State and County aforesaid Hester A Willis do Covenant and agree with said Laborers named below to give them the (½) Tenth part of the Crop Now growing on My plantation when gathered provided they the said Laborers perform the Labor required by the General Superintendant of Free Labor in all cases Complying with the Regulations of said Superintendant This 19th June 1865

Hester A Willis

Witness
John F Rhoads
R J Eubanks

Polley + Peter +
Clarissa + Gabriel +
Fontain + Moses +

1196

Wade H Thomas

State of Ala } Arbevilla June 22nd 1865 Agreement entered
Pike County } into this day between Wade H Thomas and his former Servants to wit Peter 45 years old George 31 Viny 30 Dicy 35 Sarah 25 and one Child Alfred 17 Josh 14 Anthony 11 years of age Hired servants which did not belong to me — Stephen and Wife Margarite and four Children Moses 20 Penny 11 years of age — I Wade H Thomas do agree on My part to furnish the above Named Servants Good Clothing Houses fuel and Medical attendance from the present time until the 1st day of Jany 1866 and as long thereafter as the lawful authorities will admit me the above named servants after hearing the above obligations Read willingly Make our Marks to the above obligations and we are willing to remain with the said Wade H Thomas as long thereafter as the lawful authorities will admit and to serve him faithfully — This obligation is to remain in full force and Virtue until the first day of January 1866 and as long as the Lawful authorities will admit

Signed in the presence of

Wade H Thomas

J F Thomas
Wm Smith

Alford +
Josh +
Steven +
Moses +
Margarett +

Peter +
George +
Viny +
Dicy +
Sarah +

1206

State of Ala } Lewis A King
Pike County } Articles of Agreement entered into between Lewis A King of the 1st part and Nelly a Col'd Woman of the 2d part The said King of the 1st part do agree with Nelly of the 2d part for her services from the 18th day of June 1865 to the 1st day of January 1866 & the said King do agree to pay as follows Board Clothing & Medical Attention And the said Nelly of the 2d part do agree to render good service unto the said King for the time Specified

Our Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this 1st day of June 1865 in presence of

L A King
Nelly +

W J Taylor
J H Rowan

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Stephen & Robert Thomas

State of Ala } Memorandums of a Contract this day made
Macon County } and entered into between Stephen & Robert Thomas
of the County of Clarke & State of Georgia of the one part
& the parties on the plantation in the County and State first
afore said whose Names & Marks are hereto affixed of the other
part Witnesseth that the said parties of the 2d part doth
jointly & severally agree to remain & labor faithfully upon
the said plantation from the date of these presents until
the 25th of Dec 1865 under the authority & subject to the
directions of the Overseer or Manager upon said plantation
in the Cultivation & gathering of the present Crop in
planting fall crops taking Care of the Stock and such other
Labor as has been customary on said plantation conducting themselves at all times in an orderly & respectful
Manner & Conforming to the rules & Regulations heretofore
observed on said plantation so far as not inconsistent
with the regulations of the Superintendent of Labor

In Consideration whereof the said parties parties of
the 1st part doth agree to provide & furnish said parties of
the 2d part including the helpless & infirm who are now on the
place & who are producers food Shelter fuel Medical Attention
when necessary until said 25 of Dec 1865 & such Clothing as
usual for the past few years also one tenth (10) part of the wheat
feeder & of the pork hogs that shall be killed on the place &
as the hogs are to be fattened from the growing Crop of Corn
one tenth of all the growing Crops of Corn that shall remain on hand on the 25 of Dec 1865 it is further understood and agreed that said parties of the 2d part shall
have their growing Crops or patches of Corn & Rice

It is further distinctly understood & agreed that if any of
said parties of the 2d part shall not faithfully fulfil
& abide by all the obligations & Stipulations of this
Contract they may be discharged by the Manager of
said plantation & shall forfeit all the interest in
the Crop he she or they might be entitled to under the same

Witness our hands this 27th day of June 1865

Stephen Thomas
Robert Thomas

over

Names and marks of the parties of the second part as follows

Anderson +	William +	Primus +	Lawson +	Henry +
Jo avis +	Connor +	Stephen +	Jenn +	John +
Phillip +	Jim +	Henrietta +	Evelin +	Cagg +
Lou +	Cela +	Matilda +	winny +	Adaline +
Bian +	Cammilla +	George +	Wesley +	Moses +
John +	Asbury +	Philip +	Harry +	General +
David +	Pascal +	Lim +	Silvy +	Effie +
Barbry +	Jane +	Ann +	Elizabeth +	Francis +
			Lucy +	Minerva +

We Certify that the parties whose Names and Marks are signed as above were signed in our presence

Milton Joyce
W A Woods

1248

A M Faison

State of Ala } June 6th 1865 Agreement entered into this
Barbour Cty } day between A M Faison party of the 1st
part and Ader Owens Cherry and Lucy Faison party of the
2d part. The said party of the 1st part agrees to furnish
food Clothing Shelter & Medical attention when necessary
to the said party of the 2d part & to pay the said party the
10th tenth part of the present Corn Crop that is based on
the plantation of the party of the 1st part at the expiration of term of service

The said party of the 2d part do agree to labor faithful
at such work on farm or elsewhere as may be assigned
to them until the 1st first of January next

Witness
J F Cameron

A M Faison
Ader + Owens
Cherry + Faison
Lucy + "

1251

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Stephen & Robert Thomas

State of Ala } Memorandum of a Contract this day made
Macon County } and entered into between Stephen & Robert Thomas
of the County of Clark & State of Georgia of the one part
& the parties on the plantation in the County and State first
afs.d and whose Names & Marks are hereto affixed of the other
part Witnesseth that the said parties of the 2d part – doth
jo.s.tly & severally agree to remain & labor faithfully upon
the said plantation from the date of these presents until
the 25th of Dec.r 1865 – under the authority & subject to the
directions of the Overseer or Manager whom said Plant.n
[illegible]
Enfanda & Ophelia
Grand
[illegible]
ain on hand on the 25 of Dec.r 1865 it is further under-
stood and agreed that said parties of the 2d part shall
have their growing Crops or patches of Corn & Rice
It is further distinctly understood & agreed that if any of
said parties of the 2d part shall not faithfully fulfil
& abide by all the obligations & Stipulations of this
Contract they may be discharged by the Manager of
said plantation & shall forfeit all the interest in
the Crop he she or they might be entitled to under the same
Witness our hands this 27th day of June 1865
Stephen Thomas
Robert Thomas

over

Names and Marks of the parties of the second part as follows
Anderson + William + Primus + Lawson + Henry +
Jodrick + Ceasor + Stephen + Jenn + John +
Phillip + Jim + Henrietta + Evelin + Cagg +
Lou + Eda + Matilda + Winny + Adaline +
Biaa + Cammilla + George + Wesley + Moses +
John + Asbary + Philip + Harry + General +
David + Rachel + Linn + Silvy + Effie +
Barbry + Jane + Ann + Elizabeth + Francis +
Lucy + Minerva +

We Certify that the parties whose Names and Marks
are signed as above were signed in our presence
Witness Signed
W D Mann

1248

A M Faison

State of Ala } Jan 6th 1865 Agreement entered into this
Labor Dty } day between A M Faison party of the 1st
part and Abe Owen Cherry and Lucy Faison party of the
2d part. The said party of the 1st part agrees to furnish
Food Clothing Shelter & Medical attention when necessary
to the said party of the 2d part & to pay the said party the
9th tenth part of the present Corn Crop that is housed on
the Plantation of the party of the 1st part at the expira-
tion of term of service
The said party of the 2d part do agree to labor faithful
at such work on farm or else where as may be required
by them until the 1st first of January next
Witness
J F Cameron

A M Faison
Abe + Owens
Cherry + Faison
Lucy + "

1251

NARA 1122

Mrs Sarah A Hicks

State of Ala } Jan 17th 1865
Macon Cty } Articles of agreement made this day between Mrs Sarah A Hicks and the following named persons Johans Julia Charity Edmond Mat Rachal Adam Bill Pheriby Sam Brown Mariah Jack Mary Jim & Wife Charity Sarah Ann Peggy Sam Mourning Tom Eli Archer Edmond Jr Bob Raison Cyrus Mary Sam Ann Caroline Diese Emeline Amy By which the party of the first part agrees to find Cloth proven ful shelter and Medical attendance when necessary and in addition to give them at the expiration of the time of serving one tenth of the growing Corn Crop and one tenth of the sorghum crop — The party of the second part agrees to labor faithfully and obey all orders given by the overseer until the 25th of December next - In witnes whereof we sign our Names

Sarah A Hicks

Witnes
H J Denson
A M Williams

Eli + Clarisy + Pherely + Edmond +
Archer + Sarah ann + Sam Brown + Abat +
Edmond + Peggy + Moriah + Rachal +
Bob + Mary + Jacob & Mary + Adam +
Cyrus + Tom + Jim + Bill +
Diese + Caroline + Emeline + Amy +

1276

E Backer

State of Ala }
Pike County } This indenture made between E. Backer of the first part and the following named freedmen of the second part witnesseth that the said E Backer of the 1st part agrees to employ the following named freedmen Viz Martha 14 years old The said E Backer agrees to furnish her food clothes and Medical attention and further agrees to comply with the regulations issued at Montgomery on the 26th May 1865 for the government of freedmen laboring in Ala The above named freedman do agree to labor for the said E Backer until the 25th day of Dec 1865 In witnes whereof we have subscribed our Names in presence of

Gaines Brown
Lucy A White

E. Backer
Martha x her Mark

1277

A M Williams

State of Ala } Article of agreement made this day between
Macon Cty } A M Williams and the following named persons Amy Shearick Emeline and 2 Children By which the party of the first part agrees to find Cloth Shelter and proven Medical attendance when necessary

The party of the 2d part to Labor faithfully at anything they may be required to do, to be obedient and obey all orders given to them by their employers June 21st 1865

Witnes
W H Williams
H J Denson

A M Williams
Emeline + Shearick + Amy +
I sign the above under protest
A M Williams

1280

State of Ala } Articles of agreement made this day
Macon Cty } between A M Williams and the following named persons Oliver Edmond Nathan Barry Alfred Cyrus Morris Bonner Bill Mariah Margien George Laura Martha Kitty Dinah & Charity By which the party of the 1st part agrees to find Cloth Shelter and proven Medical attendance when necessary and give them one tenth of the Corn Peas and Sorghum of the present Crop The party of the 2d part to Labor faithfully at anything they may be required to do until the 1st day of January 1866 and to be obedient and obey all orders given to them by their overseer or employer June 21st 1865

Witnes
H J Denson
W H Williams

A M Williams
Margiate + Oliver +
George + Edmond +
Laura + Nathan +
Martha + Barry +
Kitty + Alfred +
Dinah + Cyrus +
Charity + Morris +
Bonnie +
Bill +
Mariah

1279

I sign the above under protest
A M Williams

Mrs Sarah A Hicks

State of Ala } Jann 17th 1865
Macon Cty } Articles of agreement Made this day between Mrs Sarah A Hicks and the following named persons Sahara Julia Charity Edmond Mat Rachael Adam Bill Phereby Sam Brown Mariah Jack Mary Jim & Wife Charity Sarah Ann Peggy Sam Moarniy Tom Eli Archer Edmond Jr Bob Raison Cyrus Mary Sam Ann Caroline Diese Emeline Amy By which the party of the first part agrees to fun Cloths provision fuel shelter and Medical attendance when necessary and in addition to give them at the expiration of the time of serving one tenth of the growing Corn Crop and one tenth of the Sorghum crop — The party of the second part agrees to labor faithfully and obey all orders given by the overseer until the 25th of December next - In witness whereof we sign our Names

Sarah A Hicks

Witnes
H J Denson
A M Williams

Eli + Clarisey + Phereby + Edmond +
Archer + Sarah Ann + Sam Brown + Abat +
Edmond + Peggy + Moriah + Rachael +
Bob + Mary + Sues & Mary + Adam +
Cyrus + Tom + Jims + Bill +
Diese + Caroline + Emeline + Amy +

1276

E Backer

State of Ala }
Pike County } This indenture Made between E. Backer of the first part and the following Named freedmen of the second part witnesseth that the said E Backer of the 1st part agrees to employ the following named freedmen viz Martha 14 years old The said E Backer agrees to furnish them food clothes and Medical attention and further agrees to comply with the regulations issued at Montgomery on the 26th May 1865 for the government of freedmen laboring in Ala The above Named freedmen do agree to labor for the said E Backer until the 25th day of Dec 1865 In witness whereof we have subscribed our Names in presence of

James Brown
Lucy A Hicks

E. Backer
Martha x her Mark

1277

A M Williams

State of Ala } Article of agreement Made this day between
Macon Cty } A M Williams and the following Named persons Amy Shearick Emeline and 2 Children By which the part of the first part Agrees to fun Cloths Shelter and provis Medical attendance when necessary

The party of the 2d part to Labor faithfully at anything they may be required to do, to be obedient and obey all orders given to them by their employers June 21st 1865

Witnes
W H Williams
H J Denson

A M Williams
Emeline + Shearick + Amy +
I sign the above under protest
A M Williams

1280

State of Ala } Article of agreement Made this day
Macon Cty } between A M Williams and the following Named persons Oliver Edmond Nathan Berry Alfred Cyrus Morris Bonner Bill Mariah Margien George Laura Martha Kitty Dinah & Charity By which the party of the 1st part agrees to fun Cloths Shelter and provision Medical attendance when necessary and give them one tenth of the Corn Peas and Sorghum of the present Crop The party of the 2d part to Labor faithfully at anything they may be required to do until the 1st day of January 1866 and to be obedient and obey all orders given to them by their overseer or employer June 21st 1865

Witnes
H J Denson
W H Williams

A M Williams
Margian + Oliver +
George + Edmond +
Laura + Nathan +
Martha + Bonny +
Kitty + Alfred +
Dinah + Cyrus +
Charity + Morriss +
Bonner +
Bill +
Mariah

1279

I sign the above under protest
A M Williams

NARA124

George H Shorter

State of Ala } The following Contract entered into this
Russell Cty } day between George H Shorter Planter of
Russell County State of Ala on the one part and the
hereinafter to be mentioned Negroes heads of families
on the other part is to the effect as follows

The said George H Shorter agrees and Contracts to find
and Cloth the said Negroes as he has heretofore done
until the end of the present year and also to divide
among them at the end of the year one tenth of the
Corn Crop Made during this year and one fifteenth
of the Cotton Crop Made during the present year and
that is to be payment in full of all obligations to said
Negro Laborers. And the aforesaid Negro Laborers on
the other part agree to work faithfully during the
usual hours and days of the week for the remainder
part of the present year to be in every respect to be
obedient and respectful to abstain from leaving
their Masters and Mistresses without leave and in
evidence thereof have hereto set their Names as
has also the said George H Shorter above Written and

Daniel for himself Wife and Child +
Collins " " " " Children + Stephen +
Washington " " " " Small Children + Ed +
Abram " " " +
Frank " " " +
Andrew " " " and Child +
Jack " " " +
Aaron " " " +
Robert " " " " Child +
Ben " " " " " +
Burrell " " " " Children +
John " " " "
Julia " herself and Children
Eliza " herself " "
Dennis " herself and "
Milo " himself & Wife
Amanda

Witness Wm E Haynes

George H Shorter

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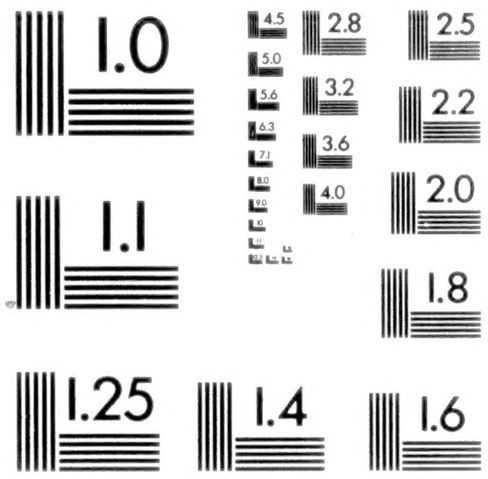
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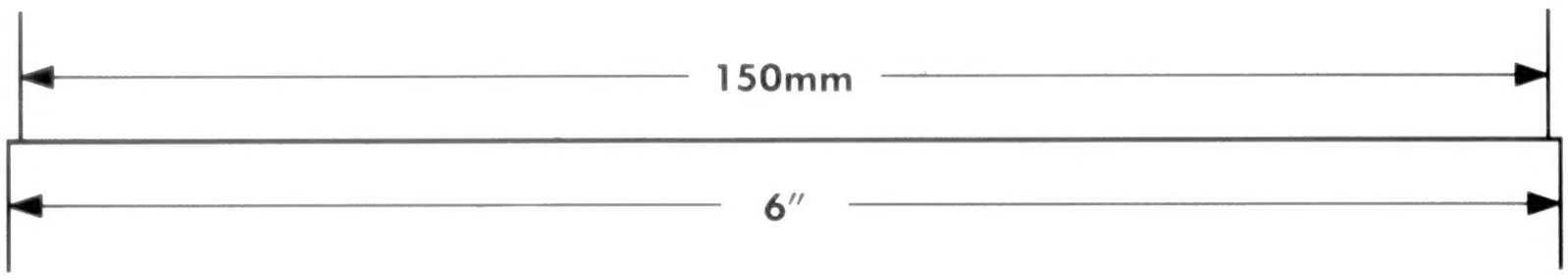
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